



October 2, 2023 10:00 A.M.

## **PLANNING MEETING AGENDA**

TELECONFERENCE: 1-219 803 8769

PIN: 160 108 500#

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**I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. REVIEW-OF THE AGENDA**

**V. COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND PRESENTERS:**

1. Kevin Mitchell – GMCS School Board Candidate

**VI. REPORTS:**

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1. Status of Preparation of FY 2024 Budget for Tohatch Chapter
2. Cemetery Expansion – Update on the processing of documents and the fencing of the extension
3. Availability of Heavy Equipment and scheduling -
4. Status of a meeting with Headstart and Senior Center -
5. Request to BIA Roads and NNDOT—purchase of culverts and resolution update
6. Upcoming meeting with DCD-Affects East Flats Water Drilling
7. 5-year Land Withdrawal for Professional Housing and Commercial Development
8. Update on Bike Trail Resolution - Process Agreement for \$7,950 and meet with Patricia Begay and Derek Echohawk
9. Meeting with NNDOT on Highway Lighting -
10. Status on Safety Complex -
11. Update on NTUA powerline relocation for Storage Warehouse
12. Meeting to be schedule with NTUA-East Flats, \$80,000 Leach Field, ARPA Portal, House wiring and power line

**\*Red Willow Farm's Report –**

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**\*Grazing Officer Moore's Report -**

1. Report on District 14 Activities and Department of Agricultural Activities

**\*Council Delegate Report:**

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**IX. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING DATE: November 8, 2023**

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**





October 02, 2023 10:00 A.M.

## PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE: 219-803-8769 PIN: 160 108 500#

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I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 10:18am**

II. **ROLL CALL:** President Sonny Moore and Secretary/Secretary Crawford

III. **INVOCATION:** Secretary/Treasurer Crawford

IV. **REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**

V. **COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND PRESENTERS:**

1. **Lucinda Frank – requesting for housing discretionary assistance.**

Maria, CSC – I did not receive any housing discretionary requests because I let our community members know we will not be providing housing discretionary assistance for the month of October because we have not received our budget. We are also behind 6 projects so we most likely won't be providing assistance for housing discretionary until we catchup with all the projects.

2. **Kevin Mitchell (GMCS: Announced his candidacy)** – I am presently your Gallup McKinley County School Board member representing District 1. I am very honored to have serve our parents and students and it's been an incredibly successful for me. Our students are thriving and their success is at the heart of everything I do. I believe in their potential, dreams, and future. I've worked hard by collaborating with our Superintendent, his administration, our state officials, and the Navajo Nation to ensure our schools are safe and inclusive and have a nurturing environment so our students can thrive. I have help put the largest financial investments to provide our teachers and staff with the tools they need and resources so our children can be inspired and to be educated in a quality matter. But I don't want to stop here, I want to continue to improve our facilities, provide computers, supplies, work with our colleges and universities to help our students. One of the majority successes that we've had is our Gallup McKinley County Academy where we have over 500 students enrolled who plan to attend a college after graduation. This will also decrease the number of students from re-taking classes and not being able to provide them with scholarship because they have to take remedial courses. We've established the career pathway for our students to thrive and to become successful. We are also working with UNM-Gallup to start a Nursing Program for our students who are interesting in the Nursing field. I cannot do this alone; I need your continued support because our students deserve nothing but the best education possible. I ask for your vote and support come November 7th, District 1, please vote for Kevin Mitchell.

President Moore – I understand we have 3 people running for GMCS Board which includes yourself, Leonard Notah, and Genevieve Jackson. We've shared our thoughts on how we would like to see the academic side of our schools here in Tohatchi improve. We have been behind in this area for many years, but after listening to the Superintendent Mr. Hyatt, our academic progress has improved drastically which we are very happy to hear, but there is still room for improvement in this area. This will also give our graduating students choices as to what they want to do after graduation like college, military, or some vocational program. We also want to create partnerships with other entities who can provide education for nursing, doctors, and attorneys to name a few. We want to build a strong community and these are some of the points you can address when campaigning.

Geraldine Thompson – My supervisor and I were at the school 3 weeks ago because they need an inspection done on the snack bars in the gymnasium and the football field. We didn't pass the inspection for the gym snack bar because there is no hand washing station and other issues. As far as the football snack bar, we did allow it but it still has issues as well. With the new gym which will be constructed soon, we did question the snack bar areas. We asked to be involved with the design of the snack bars so we can provide



information on all that is required for an environmentally safe snack bar according to guidelines of OEH. OEH needs to be involved in any new building construction or remodeling because of the food service which will be providing food to sports attendees. No plans have been submitted to the OEH office in Gallup currently. We would like to see the blue prints so we can review and make sure a handwashing sink is in place.

**Kevin Mitchell** – right now I do know that as soon as football season is over, the old announcer stand, concession, and the bathrooms we be torn down and rebuild. I can assure you that the new gymnasium will have an state-of-the-art concession stand. All the issues you mention will be included and as far as the meetings, we did send out notices of the meetings which was open to everyone who was interested. I'm sure your department wasn't notified.

**Elvis Bitsilly (RWFB Chair)** – About a week and half ago, I received a response regarding the request for a portable building the school was giving away. We were told they have a building but the building is in Crownpoint and we have to provide our own moving services of the building. The RWFB does not have the funds to have the building moved. I was hoping we could have found a portable building here in Tohatchi, but that was not the case. I would like to ask Mr. Mitchell for his assistance with moving the building. I would also like to ask Mr. Mitchell if GMCS could included lighting along 491 at the intersection of the Post Office to Chooshgai and at the high school turn off. I believe GMCS can provide this for our community.

**Kevin Mitchell** – We don't have the right of way for these areas and the funding is not available as well.

**President Moore** - I was finally able to contact the State of NM and they are willing to talk with us here. I've been emailing a Jennie Gallegos; District 6 and she gave me an update and we made plans to meet in the near future on the highway lighting. We do have our next ICIP project in which we are looking for \$2 million for the lighting project. This project is not only for Tohatchi, but Mexican Springs, Coyote Canyon turnoff, and Twin Lakes.

Our meeting with Priscilla Lee consisted of Road Safety Audit which included Tohatchi, Mexican Springs, Coyote Canyon, and Twin Lakes. All the deficiencies were noted and estimates determined for each deficiency. The emailed I shared with you from Priscilla Lee is actual cost increase at each turnoff.

**Lesita Desiediro** – I was recently hired on June 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year as supervisor for the Aging and Long-Term Care Program with the NN. Tohatchi is one of the Center's I am going to be overlooking once we have the building re-opened. I was asked by the Chapter to do a presentation on the Tohatchi Senior Center and how it can be re-opened. I have 18 Senior Centers that I currently oversee under the Ft. Defiance Agency and when I started, I realized 11 of the centers were closed and only 8 were in operation. I currently have 24 staff members, and a lot of vacancies. I'm advertising for 8 driver positions, 12 cook positions, and 1 caseworker. We do have 21 vacant positions and the entry level for these positions are very low but no one seems to want to apply. We are trying very hard to fill these positions and to re-open the Senior Center which have been closed. The Center here in Tohatchi was closed due to not correcting critical building deficiencies which have been identified by OEH. The Center was closed on April 19, 2023 and some of the issues I would consider very minimal to correct, but we just have not made the time to correct the issue. The 1st inspection that was ordered was on February 8<sup>th</sup> and we have been under a microscope since then. Another inspection was on March 8<sup>th</sup> which found repeat issues that were not corrected and eventually failed the inspection. So, Center was closed on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Little things like ice buildup, to have the grease trap serviced, replacement of fire extinguishers, cleaning of ovens, and leaks here and there. Our department does not have the funding or manpower to make these corrections and I am asking the Chapter if they can assistance with the corrections that are needed. I am also asking the Chapter if we can put in place a intergovernmental building use agreement which is the space agreement. This agreement would state cost-sharing on repairs with Chapter as needed for the Center. If we could establish a partnership with the Chapter to benefit the elders in our community. We need to work together to develop a plan to correct the findings.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – the Senior Center has been closed since April 2023 and our elders in our community has made a request to have the Center open backup. Unfortunately, what we receive as an annual budget from the Navajo Nation is not enough to sustain our programs, for example; the PEP program. We had to let the PEP workers go because we ran short of funding for their program. We were



unable to pay them a stipend which met we are unable to provide housing discretionary assistance as well. So, its almost impossible to have the Chapter fund the repairs and maintenance on the Senior Center. We may have some funds to put toward the repairs but the Aging and Long-term Care program has to come up with funding. There are funds available with the State of NM but your program has to be able to apply for these fundings. This is something you can share with your department director and have someone start the process of applying for funds.

**President Moore** – In past years, the Chapter would receive \$800,000 annually, but it was decreased drastically within the past year. Now, we are receiving hopefully, \$400,000 as our annual budget. In our budget, there is no money set aside for the Senior Center. I've looked at the intergovernmental agreement with the Aging and Long-Term Care Program and there is no money for maintenance and repair. Right now, we have about \$1,500 we can split between the Senior Center and the Headstart Program. The Chapter under NN insures the Senior Center building which we will continue to do, but we just don't have the funding for repair and maintenance. I notice that your program with Aging and Long-Term Care had funds in the amount of \$300,000 which is being reverted back to the State because the funds were not being expended. We drafted a resolution to the State on your behalf requesting for assistance in the amount of \$600,000 and hopefully your Division will receive some funds. We can also ask our Council Delegate for his assistance as well. Maybe we can setup a meeting sometime next week in W/R to discuss this agreement and the re-opening of the Senior Center.

**Everett Jole** – I work as a supervisor for the Twin Lakes Senior Center. We have been making home delivers from our Center in Twin Lakes to cover the Tohatchi area. We make 15 home delivers for the Tohatchi area. There was a question about State funding which I have some knowledge about, but the thing is everyone in the Window Rock office is new and they are trying to learn about State fundings which is probably why money is being reverted back to the State. I do not know what the violations were for the Center here, but I'm sure they can be corrected easily. And just to mention, there is not driver or cook for the Tohatchi Senior Center. These positions are being advertised currently on NN website or you can stop by the Twin Lakes Senior Center to pickup application.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – Who is the Director for your program?

**Lesita D** – Kim Russell who is also new to the program. She started a month and half ago. I also would like to ask if I can have access to the Senior Center just to see the layout of the building.

**Elvis Bitsilly** – it sounds like poor planning and poor leadership with the Aging and Long-Term Care Program. I really like to help and make some recommendations. I understand the State met with the Chapter regarding the \$300,000. We could have asked the PEP workers to dedicate a couple of hours doing some repair work at the Center. We are really neglecting our elders and we should be ashamed.

**Geraldine Thompson** – I was previously employed with the Navajo Nation, but I have since transferred ' Indian Health Service with Environmental Health. We do annual inspections and continue with follow-ups. When

corrections are not being made that's when closures of buildings happen and Navajo Nation is notified with documentation. IHS does comprehensive building inspections including kitchen inspections. So, all Senior Centers get 2 permits, one for building and one for kitchen. I will leave a copy of the reasons (explanation) of why the building was closed. For the Senior Center here in Tohatchi, you had 19 violations back in February 2023. 11 of the findings were corrected but 8 still remained uncorrected. These inspections are completed for the safety of the elders and everyone who is in the building. On the building side of the inspection, there are still 9 violations which has not been corrected and only 3 were corrected. The major one is the fire extinguishers which expired 12/08/2020. These fire extinguishers have to be inspected annually and documented and I'm don't know who your contractor is with the fire extinguishers, also your fire alarm system, and your control system is not operable. I've been assigned to do annual inspection of our Senior Center along with surrounding areas. Because the Center was closed, we have to see that all the corrections have been made according to the findings before the Center can be reopened. Once all the corrections have been made, call either Delores or myself will come out to do a pre operation survey. We will check all the critical items on the list of violations to make sure they have been corrected. Then, we'll notify the Navajo Nation and they will have you apply for permits again. While the building is closed, there should be nobody going into the building and should not be used for service. Delores notice on her last visit



out the Senior Center van was parked outside. Jared was there and they were transporting food from there and taking it to another center. She let Jared know, once the Center is closed, it is closed for good, no busy should be occurring. They only people who should be entering the Center now are the people making the repairs. I can share my phone number with you and you can contact me when all the repairs have been made. My number is **505-722-1717** with the office of OEH in Gallup.

**Margie Silva** – I have a couple of resolutions and asking Chapter in District 14 for support from their communities. We represent the Native American Church and we will be traveling to Washington D.C on November 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> to lobby saying we want to keep our medicine sacred. Within the Native American church, we want to use the Chapter because we are a non-profit organization under the DNAC New Mexico Corporation. The 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution is asking the Tohatchi Chapter to support the opposition of the decriminalization of the use of Peyote and Mescaline at the States, Local Government, and United States Territories. The Veterans Organization is also supporting us in this effort. I'm asking if we can be put on the Chapter at the next meeting.

**President Moore** – There will be a District 14 Agency meeting tomorrow which I would recommend you attend and ask to speak on this topic.

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **\*Community Service Coordinator/Official's**

1. **Status of Preparation of FY 2024 Budget and Carry-over FY 23 for Tohatchi Chapter** – I'm currently working on the carry-over budget for 2024. On Friday, Mr. Echohawk came to Chapter to help Jeannie closeout the 2023 fiscal year. He had Jeannie put these carry-over amounts into the "wind system" and I'm now trying to make some adjustments because it did not balance out. As of today, the carry over amount is \$364,325.07 which will be carried over to 2024. Once the amounts are entered into the wind system, we will be drafting a resolution to pass this carry-over. On Thursday evening, we received our FY 2024 annual budget which was entered into the wind system and totals \$317,825.00. So, we do have the stipends, workers compensation for Chapter officials, the Chapter personnel for the CSC and AMS, we also have Chapter non-administrative costs, land claims and scholarships Funds. There is also 3 new categories added into Budget this year called "Permanent Funds Veterans Award" in the amount of \$5000. We also have the Personnel Lapse Fund-Chapter Utilities in the amount of \$14,102.00 and also the Permanent Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$13,894.00. I will be doing a follow up on the 3 new accounts to see if there are policies and guidelines in place already for these accounts.
2. **Update on processing of documents and the fencing of Cemetery Expansion** – We have submitted all our documents to General Land Department and they stated they will be mailing the Chapter an approval letter for the expansion and what our next steps will be.
3. **Status of a meeting with Headstart and Senior Center (ICIP funds being reverted back to State)** – We should be working on the MOU's with each Department. We have Lesita D. supervisor of the Aging and Long-Term Care Division who I will be working with to complete and the MOU. I tried to get Headstart to our Chapter meeting to give updates but we have not heard from them as of yet. As far as funds being reverted back to the State, I will need to talk with Denise Copeland about that to get some answers.
4. **Request to BIA Roads and NNDOT for the purchase of culverts and Resolution update** – When I talked with BIA, Mr. Tsosie, he said they don't have any spare culverts at this time, but he will let us know when they do. I did reach out to NNDOT, but I did not get any answers regarding culverts. Twin Lakes had some extra culverts but they said it's all now assigned to community members.

**President Moore** – Maria and I are planning to meet with Mr. Clarence Tsosie on the BIA roads and the resolution that was approved during the last meeting. It covered the 15-mile designation which we need to go over with BIA and follow up with NNDOT as well.

5. **Upcoming meeting with DCD to discuss Eastflats Water Drilling** –

**President Moore** – I am working with our LDA, Mr. Ansley Curley and the Division of Community Development. This project is going through the 164-process currently and as soon as it has been completed, Souder and Miller will be taking over the project by starting the water drilling.

6. **5-year Land Withdrawal for Professional Housing and Commercial Development** –

**President Moore** – Our CLUPC has been trying to schedule a committee meeting but due to the fiscal year



end, they will have to wait until the start of fiscal year 2024 and when the new membership has been confirmed. We are planning to designate some land in the area of the old BIA housing.

7. **Update on the process of agreement for support in the amount of \$7,950 for the Bike Trail – President Moore** – Maria and I have been trying to get together to come up with an agreement for the Chapter's support of \$7,950 of the Bike Trail, but we have not been successful. I'll work on this myself to get it finalized and get the documents to the Division of Community Development.
8. **Meeting with NNDOT on Highway Lighting -**
9. **Status on Safety Complex** – President Moore: We are in the process of hiring an architect, as a matter of fact it is being advertised right now by the construction management group called Parsons. We do have some funds with the State which will be used.
10. **Update on NTUA powerline relocation for Storage Warehouse – President Moore:** Maria and I both wrote to NTUA, but they have not gotten back to us regarding the powerline relocation.
11. **Meeting to be schedule with NTUA-Eastflats, \$80,000 Leach Field, ARPA Portal, Housewiring and power line extensions.**  
**President Moore** – I am working with Mr. Curley on this and we plan to meet with NTUA and the Division.

**\*Red Will Farm's Report:**

**Elvis Bitsilly (Chair)** – I would like to ask Maria to look into the Solid Waste Department because they received \$1,130,766.00 which was allocated to Community Development. This may be funding we can also tap into. We would also like to ask community members who have had farm plots previously to come into our meeting so we can update your information. By Navajo Nation law, we can void your farm plot if you have not actively farmed in the previous years. You can contact our Secretary, Geneva Begay for more information. According to the Environmental Assessment Report and Survey, they will start eradicating weeds and trees at the reservoir. This will be an annual project with the BIA as long as we keep applying for funding. We are also closing out farm plot for the year. We are having our RWFB meeting tomorrow at 1pm.

**Geneva Begay** – I want to mention RWFB has their meeting on Tuesdays and I want the Chapter officials and Staff to be mindful of our meetings. Our meetings are already scheduled throughout the year and it seems like we have committee who want to schedule during our time slot at the Chapter. Please be aware RWFB has their meetings on Tuesdays.

**\*Grazing Officer Moore's Report:**

**1. Report on District 14 Activities and Department of Agricultural Activities –**

**Gerald Moore (Grazing Officer)** – I have on going homesite lease applications process, livestock tally counts and livestock disputes in reference to grazing areas. I've been assisting neighboring grazing officials to conduct field investigation for Land Use Permits. I also attend District 14 grazing official meetings and agency meetings as well.

**\*Council Delegate Report:** Ansley Curley giving report today – We need to enlighten the officials and the administration as well that currently there is some discussion with Budget and Finance Committee chair Council Delegate Parrish along with Delegate Vince James who is the chair for Health and Human Service Committee on increasing the number of houses to be purchased by CHID. Each Chapter submitted 10 names of community members who really needs housing. In the original legislation that was sponsor and passed into law, bathroom renovations was not included in that legislation, only the construction and building of the bathroom additions. The problem than became, how do we direct money into the communities where these bathroom additions are needed, such as walk-in showers, hand rails, ADA accessibility of these bathrooms was never address in this legislation. So, the discussion was how do we amend this legislation? It does look like it may happen to allow the renovations of bathrooms. It still has to be legislated and will require some movement of monies in those funds that were designated to DCD. And if that does happen it would open up the door to possibly more renovations and fixes for people in our community. On top of that, that same legislation if it is amended it would provide money for renovation repairs and possibly construction of new sewer lagoons. I know that has been an issue for this community as well as the other communities within the District, but that may be a possibility as well. Again, these are preliminaries talks and this is just the initial stage of discussion, but that has been proposed. The tribe is also concerning sending



more money to the Delegates specifically. Now, with this amendment to the original legislation, it could be the Delegate could receive more money for these projects. We will have to act very quickly to produce and develop these projects based off of the known need. We only have 9 months left to encumber the FRF money and the ARPA money. So, we are under a very strict timeline currently. There has been discussion with DCD as well as the FRF(Fiscal Recovery Office) office. They are the folks who have been controlling a lot of the ARPA dollars and tracking how it is being spent. We will need to submit new Appendix A documents and all supporting documents if that does occur so, we need to discuss these projects. One thing that DCD has said a lot of these projects which were funded under FRF legislation, the \$6.8 million for each Delegate region, the Chapters weren't ready for the projects. And they didn't do a good cost estimating on each project, so if it does occur where the Delegates will get more money for FRF. If any of these projects that you are currently working on under FRF and this is a question we are going to ask specifically. If that money can be moved into the current projects that have already been legislated? I'm not sure if we are below the cost estimate of what these projects are actually going to cost. But with inflation and every that has been happening across the country, price has increase dramatically. So, it could be some of these projects that were proposed initially under the FRF may be under funded and this could be a fix to that.

As far as ICIP money being reverted back to the State, and we've had this discussion with NTUA here at Chapter regarding this issue. The biggest take away at least in regards to ICIP or money from the State of NM is that we have to have good estimates, good quotes before submitting to the State for requesting funding. The Council has been meeting with the State of NM and it did come down to the wire on a lot of money being reverted back to the State. And that really came about because the Chapter were not submitting good estimates which means if they are under funding than they are under funding and the Chapter does not get a completed project, whatever it may be.

My boss has been out advocating on our behalf, not only for our District but as a member of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council. In those discussions, going back 3 weeks he was in Washington D.C and met with Representatives of NM, Arizona, and Utah. The big push for those meetings were to request for funding and support of public safety initiatives here on Navajo. I thought the chairwoman, Eugenia Charles Newton who sits on the Law-and-Order Committee presented our case very clearly with all the statistics to backup our claims that we need more help here on Navajo and if that doesn't occur than things will get worse off as far as public safety goes. In those presentations and meetings to the Representative on Capital Hill, I think that went very well and in fact we had recommendations as well as some of these legislators lending their support. One big request from these Representatives was to have a School Resource officer placed within our schools with BIA and some of the schools here in the District. We are asking for Officers to be placed in schools and I don't think its any secret to know if an emergency call is place to the police department, it could take up to 30, 45, sometimes 3 hours for someone from the department to get here. The Law-and-Order committee is requesting a line-item to be added to the funding so that we have Resource Officers in the schools. We are talking armed Officers, people that can detain and arrest people that are actually Law Enforcement not Security Guards. So, we received good feedback on this.

Two weeks ago, my boss met with the Coalition of Large Tribes, and the push there again was to advocate for Public Safety. But there has been a decrease in funding across the board for all the tribes. Navajo Nation commonly gets accused of getting too much money. In the meetings with we have with Federal employees, the question is always, why don't we get more money? Last week Council Delegate Notah attended the National Transportation in Indian Country Conference. Same thing, asking for more money and lending support for requesting funds from the Federal Government in conjunction with the rest of the tribes across the United States. As far as his advocacy goes for our region, District, our communities, our people and our families, I believe our Council Delegate is making every effort to advocate as strongly as possible with the help of his colleagues on the 25<sup>th</sup> Council to improve things.

Going back to the meeting in Washington with Representatives, we specially asked for help with our Safety Complex here in Tohatchi which went very well.

President Moore and I met with Charlotte Begay; she is a subcontractor for IDAS which is Ingenious Design Archetic LLC. They are the contractor that was chosen by DCD to act as the project manager for the FRF as well as the ARPA projects. In the meeting, it was discussed that we need to have all the documents and requirements needed to conduct a very thorough meeting where we will be able make accomplishments. Our



stress each Chapter is we need to have all those assessments and all the documents lined up so that when we go into these meetings, we are well prepared and we make our point, its understood and the project management company can act on our wishes. Beyond that, the time line is very tight for the encumbrance of the FRF/ARPA dollars and we are looking at July which is quickly approaching. There are some very severe concerns on the part of the Delegates as far as DCD is concerned. There has been changes within that organization/division itself that have seem to hamper the movement and progress of some of these projects. It's not that we are not asking questions, we have visited those offices plenty of times to try to get ahead of things without a whole lot of luck. As far as the involvement of the officials go, I can attest President Moore and the other officials have been diligent in their request for information. They is a lot of red tape in W/R and I think everyone is aware of that. It is unfortunate we are dealing with these things, but we are trying to make head way as well.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – the 9 months timeframe is fast approaching and I just don't see the leadership in W/R meeting this deadline. We need project managers to assist uncertified Chapters with their projects and I have not heard one that has been assigned to our Chapter or District. As far as leadership and Council Delegates, I was listening to the Naa'bik'iyati' committee meeting last week Thursday and they did not meet quorum so meeting was cancelled. The following day, there was a 'special meeting' scheduled and again quorum was not met and cancelled. Why are meetings being scheduled when we have Council Delegates on travel? These meetings should be priority for the Delegates and with 9 months left to encumber the FRF/ARPA funds, it getting to be very concerning.

**Ansley Curley (LDA)** – As far as the meetings and how they are scheduled for council, the single point of contact that really determines how these meetings are scheduled is the office of the speaker. They receive all the information of which Delegates are going to be out of the area. So, the speaker will allow a Delegate to be excused from a meeting or not even schedule a meeting all together if she knows she will not be able to get quorum. I'm not sure what happened there, maybe they did not have all the Delegates' information.

This would be a recommendation for the Chapter, if there were a resolution at least a discussion/conversation tomorrow at the District 14 Agency meeting regarding funding for a project manager for the District to bring that forward to the rest of the Chapters that we might want to hire a project manager for our District to handle these projects. Because not only is the CSC responsible for the daily operation of the Chapter, she's essentially going to be responsible for the project management portion as well and that's a lot of work.

**President Moore** – We have met with Charlotte Begay who is with Indigenous Design and Architect. She is the person who is assigned to our District as a project manager. We have a meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> with Ms. Begay to discuss our projects and hopefully we'll come up with a plan of action.

**Elvis Bitsilly** – The 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council was doing the same thing, where the Delegates were going on travel for meetings supposedly advocating on our behalf and at the local level there was nothing happening. Yes, there are times when the Delegates can go on travel but there is a time when you have to just say no and to be here at the local Chapters. These Delegates represent our Navajo people by advocating on the Nation's behalf. My hats off to you Mr. Curley and our Council Delegate for the work you are doing. Just to remind everyone, \$1.3 million has not been allocated for District 14 Chapters out of our \$8.8 million which was assigned to District 14. Why is this money still pending, we need to spend that money. If Chapters can't utilize the money, then we need to put it toward something else. Another thing which is very important is the Chapter expenditure plans for the ARPA projects. This is a requirement to have an expenditure plan in place. DCD needs to work with the Chapters. I don't believe the leadership in W/R will be able to expend all the FRF/ARPA funds.

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. Resolution to Approve CLUPC Membership for FY 2024.**
- 2. Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year allocation for 2024 Budget.**
- 3. Resolution to Approve the Carry-Over funds from FY 2023.**
- 4. Resolution to Approve 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Revenues.**

**/III. ANOUNCEMENTS:** District 14 Agency Meeting tomorrow at 5:30pm at Coyote Canyon Chapter. Safety Complex meeting with Parsons and Dr. Greyeyes on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am at Chapter. Ingenious Design and Architect meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.



Per Maria, we did receive some coal tickets from NAPI. I will be scheduling presentations for the coal tickets. We have to give a short presentation to individuals who want coal tickets. This is a new requirement from Navajo Nation.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – Just a reminder there is the new legislation President Nygren has introduced regarding the urban Dine relatives who need assistance with mortgages or in need of renovation. Program is called Navajo Nation Homeowners Assistance Fund Program for Navajos living in NM and AZ who have a mortgage. You can go onto their website for more information.

IX. **NEXT CHAPTER MEETING DATE: October 18, 2023 @ 10am**

X. **AJOURNMENT: 1:03pm**

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Halona 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerald Moore**  
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