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AGENDA

Tuesday March 19, 2024 @ 9am

Tohatchi Chapter

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- I. Call to Order: Time: _____
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Invocation:
- IV. Introduction of Guests:
- V. Approval of Agenda:
- VI. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2024
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 - A. 5-year Land Withdrawal mapping update Larry Rodgers
 - B. Tohatchi Community Land Use Plan- Continue with work sessions.
 - C. Bike Trail project status update- Sonny Moore
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 - A. Tohatchi Community 750 Buffer zone Resolution review and discussion.
 - B. Chuska school housing units- request to BIA/BIE for withdrawal and Demo.
 - C. Invite NHA, DCD/CHID for new Professional Housing Development.
 - D. SWCD- Southwest Conservation District introduction- Mike Begay
 - E. Red Willow Farm Board project updates.
- IX. Resolutions:
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- XI. Next Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 9am
- XII. Adjournment/ Time:



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- MAR 26 PM 12:08
- I. **Call to Order: Time: _9:10 am__**
 - II. **Roll Call: Elvis Bitsilly, Larry Rodgers, Fern Spencer, Byron Bitsoie, Sr., Delphine Bitsilly**
 - III. **Invocation: Larry Rodgers**
 - IV. **Introduction of Guests: Rochelle Morris, Sonny Moore, Lillian Barney, Mike Begay, Charles and Ann Arviso, Leonard Francisco, Jr., Flora Nez, Geneva Begay**
 - V. **Approval of Agenda: reading by Larry Rodgers**
Motion to accept: Fern Spencer 2nd: Delphine Bitsilly Vote: 3-0-1
 - VI. **Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2024**
Motion to read on own, accept as is: Fern Spencer 2nd – Larry Rodgers Vote: 3-0-1
 - VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. **5-year Land Withdrawal mapping update Larry Rodgers.**

***Larry Rodgers** – 2 months ago the chapter passed a resolution to withdrawal this area, the old Tohatchi Boarding School (TBS) area where the housing use to be and campus, looking at the map – Old TBS redevelopment area of 46 acres, north side where the housing is, it's about 23 acres, the resolution that requested the withdrawal of the land is for the entire area but the main focus is on housing area, Land Administration looked at the resolution and they need coordinates to show where the points were measured using the GPS, top of map on north side, point 1, 2, 3 and all the way around and there are 42 points, mapped out the corner points, each corner point was measured to show the location, page 2 shows a table of the corner points – left column shows the location of points 1 to 42, shows the x and y coordinates, UTM Zone 12N NAD in Meters column, Decimal Degrees column, Degrees Minutes Seconds column, we have coordinates for all the 42 points, took out the straight away points, points 22 crosses the road to 23 the northward to 24, 24 to point 30 – we were relying on the mapping that was already done by the withdrawal of the public facilitator – the Health Center and used the same boundary as they became the corner points, point 30 to 42 were well measured using the instrument, it makes a complete polygon, the map we showed on the resolution, those points I mentioned 24 to 29 wasn't showing that, we were to follow the boundary, if this chunk of land is withdrawal for development, later drawings and planning that need to be done, as a committee it's our responsibility to assure some type of access way for the canal, it will take away some acreage from the 46, my recommendation is to accept this, act on it, since there's already a resolution in place and a cover letter will be needed to go to the Land Administration: ***Sonny Moore** – a memorandum through chapter president to Byron Bitsoie: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – you want to do an action vote?: ***Larry Rodgers** – a memo to you President, to Land Administration, cc to the Chapter, we have to acknowledge what resolution was passed so the will be an addendum, my brother worked on this was paid by Larry Rodgers for his work: ***Fern Spencer** – thank you Larry and your brother for the work on this: ***Larry Rodgers** –

how much housing can we put on this land, what does IHS have in mind for this part of land, put in a public facility, we need a good size for an educational building, NTU or some higher education to operate continue education for adults, working with the high school to transition to college, teach the youth to weave and do silversmithing, welding, take courses in the vocational field: ***Rochelle Morris** – the IHS land you’re talking about – 5 years ago they were discussing in building a helipad and gardening, I haven’t talk to anyone at HSA, those involve with future plans, I don’t know the updates they have, I don’t know if they have a steering committee and I can check to find out, another thing IHS needs is housing for IHS employees which Pinon and Kayenta do have housing, we have a turnover of doctors and nurses who don’t want to come here, first thing they ask is housing available for me?, if they are told there’s no housing or they have to look for their own housing, they take another job elsewhere, what our community members complain about is that the providers don’t stay around and constantly come and go, no housing available for them: ***Larry Rodgers** – is there a steering committee?, when IHS builds facilities they create a steering committee to get local input, there will be apartment complex with housing, the president has been outspoken about this and has called it professional housing, the resolution went to NHA to work with them, what kind of housing can they do?, I don’t think we’re talking low rent, you need to have some kind of mixed housing, we said Veterans, we have to have a diverse community, when the plan is development you can have lots, you can buy the lot and they can development themselves: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – members and guests introduce yourselves, thank you for coming: ***Mike Begay** – this area at old boarding school, steering committee lead by Fawn Damon, after she left, Rose McReeves is the person in charge of the Steering Committee and maybe contact her for getting information: ***Larry Rodgers** – the Wellness Center - Health Center, the institution that will be coming and chapter, a 3 way interest and a benefit for the community, doesn’t have to be a big area: ***Rochelle Morris** – I can mention this to Rose McReeves, our employees get 30 minutes of fitness – walks with supervisor approval, at Pinon they have a Wellness Center for employees: ***Fern Spencer** – how does Arizona do their Wellness Center?, working with the previous lady I had my students go up there and see what kind of careers they would want, we worked together, they had an idea of do I really want to do this, New Mexico needs a Wellness Center for the community.

B. Tohatchi Community Land Use Plan- Continue with work sessions.

***Elvis Bitsilly** – Community Land Use Plan is outdated and we’re going to make updates: ***Larry Rodgers** – April 2 at 8:30 am: ***Fern Spencer** – Mexican Springs just starting with their plan.

C. Bike Trail project status update- Sonny Moore

***Sonny Moore** – CSC, Maria Allison will call DOJ for an update: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – it’s been ongoing for several months: ***Larry Rodgers** – where it is at, it’s more administrative, CLUPC and Chapter approved this, to enter into a contract with Rocky Mountain Bike Association to do a plan for Zone 1, in the community there are three zones determined for the bike trail, to approve Zone 1, there is an actual or master plan for construction, how much will it cost, the first plan is the concept plan to determine that, use the Junk Food Tax funding for this Bike Trail, \$8,000.00 and it’s about a \$16,000.00 contract, it is making national news.

Motion: Larry Rodgers 2nd: Delphine Bitsilly Vote: 4-0-1

VIII. New Business:

A. Tohatchi Community 750 Buffer zone Resolution review and discussion.

***Sonny Moore** – original resolution goes back to 1951, at that time the council approved to allow 750 feet of the center of the road, Mike Halona was the Land Department Supervisor at that time, at the last CLUPC meeting there is a 750 feet buffer zone from mile marker 19 to 23/24, I found the resolution and gave a copy to the CLUPC members, it will play a part in the commercial development along 491, we will act on the existing business sites, additional areas where we will

designate for commercial development, it can be an item on the next CLUPC meeting: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – I didn't know about this until I seen the resolution, I added to agenda so we can get information, present to the committee and talk about this: ***Mike Begay** – before Covid 19 we had a special CLUPC meeting to address the 750 foot commercial zone, talked about doing a resolution and we did a resolution: ***Larry Rodgers** – is this from the center line or right of way?: ***Mike Begay** - it's the right of way fence line: ***Byron Bitsoie** – fence line, right of way: ***Larry Rodgers** – 750 is good, it's also in the CLUPC that was done and approved in 2018, 2018 Land Use Plan approved by the chapter and it is already written, when we do the update we should make sure it is still in there from where to where, along the way there was certain land withdrawal, which they overlap, the lease itself takes care of it: ***Mike Begay** – the 750 feet from mile 19 to San Juan county line, only in areas suitable for commercial development, some is grazing land: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – reading heading of the Resolution, TOH:079-05-2018.

B. Chuska school housing units- request to BIA/BIE for withdrawal and Demo.

***Elvis Bitsilly** – discussion with Mike Halona and brought to chapter regarding the old units on the Chuska compound for the school, we can make a request to BIA/BIE to initiate a plan to withdrawal for future housing, a lot of the homes are closed out or are non-living quarters for anyone except the small apartments are being used, closed down because of asbestos, housing can be tore down because of asbestos, we can get rid of them and network with the school, we can get a request to withdrawal to the Navajo Nation or the chapter, we can help the school and community, Economic Development is part of the team and they can give assistance, we can talk to NHA, DCD/CHID if they need to be involved and I don't think so at this point, it's a chapter recommendation, those units are just there and if they are available to be taken down and made available to our community we should make the steps to see what we can do: ***Fern Spencer** – how many units, there are people living in those houses: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – whatever has been closed off: ***Fern Spencer** - when I left GMCS I went up there, it was my first place for housing, you have to fill out this form, there were other people who were looking at these houses to be housed in, it's not just one row it's spotted, they were going to put me right next to the main road, there is a lot of work to do with those houses, I thought you were talking about those units on that side that are vacant, A School for Me, we were looking at those places for the EMTs, does Mr. Chiapetti know about this?: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – this is new for discussion today so we can find out what we can do, the old A School for Me building is vacant, there is space in the general area that is available to withdraw, if the BIA housing can be worked with and discussed then I think it can be done, it will take time and we can take the initiative to do something with the project, it can be a project for the chapter, anything available in our community should be talked about: ***Fern Spencer** - the abandon homes in our area and the families are no longer with us then their kids are not bothering to take care of it, does it just stay there?, when Julie Badonie was still with us she was talking about a project getting rid of old vehicles around the area, the chapter tries to do so much and you don't have the people here at these meetings to discuss: ***Rochelle Morris** – I wondered too about those homes, our community is growing, our children and grandchildren who need a place or need a homesite lease, they see homesite leases just sitting there, next generation not coming to claim that land and it just sits there for years, we have a children and grandchildren are growing and at some point after 5 years if they are not is utilizing it, it should be available for people who are interested, if it sits there empty and vacant, it becomes where people break into and becomes a drug house, vandalism: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – it's part of Mexican Springs area and chapter, it's up to the family to take care of their home, a lot of our children have moved away and gone into a different directions: ***Mike Begay** – CLUPC, is it a planning zoning committee, also, Tohatchi CLUPC?, the community needs a large cemetery, apartments, homes, houses, look at abandon buildings, an effort was made a couple years ago, 3 years ago to identify these places, abandon homes, the land, grazing officer was put in charge, I don't know if he did that task, at what point does CLUPC become a

zoning committee?: ***Leonard Francisco** – first thing is make sure you have land available, it's surveyed and to be given to the Navajo Nation, to lease out the land and be able to do development, I did work on the Wellness Center in Fort, they did have the availability of the property, it was a business site, it was to be a home living facility and change to the Wellness Center, it can be done, we need to get the property and change to a business site, we are willing to work with you guys, you guys have the business sites and why can't we put a Olive Garden there?, hardest thing we run into is operators to run the business, who has the capital, we always look to someone else to pay us to run a business, we need to get entrepreneurs to fork up the money out of capital to get some of their investments, we don't have the capital to back us up, Navajo Nation doesn't have the money to build such things, we need operators, can't use ARPA and it will be going away, I can help with what I can like surveys: ***Geneva Begay** – what you're discussing on land withdrawal, we need a notice and map out on Tohatchi community and where all the land withdrawals are moving right now, current land withdrawals and start planning on those and get them out of the way, abandon homes families don't want to live in the home because of the passing of loved one, that's what our elders taught us, some people live in their homes, the home at the Mexican Springs turn off saved a man by him staying in the home overnight, if you want at home with BIE, NHA mentioned if there are names available of how many people in the community who want a home, they can do apartments, there's money for it at NHA, we need to talk to Mr. Chiapetti, old Post Office has asbestos, that's a small project for CLUPC to start, start small and start growing, there's the barn, there's Historic funding from the Navajo Nation for Historic buildings to fix up, what are we going to do with the barn?: ***Sonny Moore** – we are a non-certified chapter and we don't have the authority to get into zoning, when you are certified you have that responsibility, CLUPC recognizes the possibility of using those homes up there, what is the red tape we have to go through, I would support whoever we need to meet with to see what the possibilities are, there's a housing shortage everywhere, I encourage CLUPC to move forward with this and get answers, Byron, the grazing officer did recognize some abandon homes and notified the families through a certified letter, if families don't want the homesites then the homesite is available to people: ***Byron Bitsoie** – I can look into it and forward me those correspondences: ***Sonny Moore** – the meeting that is happening now, they are doing a preproposal bidding on the safety complex, they are meeting with all the architects, middle of April they should have selected an architect for the safety complex: ***Larry Rodgers** – the safety complex, we met with LOC a few months ago, Aneth and Tohatchi are 1 and 2, a resolution went through and Tohatchi wasn't on the list, with Mr. Notah's effort Tohatchi got back on the list, abandon homes have homesite leases, they will be there as long as the lease is good for, if there's a tribal policy on taking over, who can take it over and improve the home, an assessment should be done on the homes at Chuska, how many homes are still being used and not being used, do a study the integrity of each one, there's asbestos and it can be abated, you can get a program to abate that, work with NHA on homes with asbestos, move out the families of homes so the asbestos can be abated in their homes, work with NHA to improve each unit, NHA has a waiting list: ***Geneva Begay** – NHA wanted a waiting list for a subdivision, people who need homes in the community and start building: ***Rochelle Morris** – asking Navajo Nation Environmental Health to help remove asbestos or lead paint from old homes, how can they help families?: ***Mike Begay** – traditional ceremony you have a cleansing ceremony: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the chapter to follow up with this housing at Chuska, we can support this effort, a former Veteran is here and they ask for assistance, they lack homes and assistance, they can be part of this, open our minds to possibilities and we need people to network together.

C. Invite NHA, DCD/CHID for new Professional Housing Development.

***Elvis Bitsilly** – let's invite NHA, DCD/CHID (Community Housing Infrastructure Department), what is their program?, what do they have available?, NHA has money, let's tap into the resources here to the local chapter, just as Economic Development has come and willing to help, we need departments like that who are willing to help us and bring to the table to discuss the possibilities, what can we do to build professional housing/subdivisions, let's invite people who want to invest in those areas now that we have the land withdrawal, application in through Land Department and it's been approved, let's see who can develop that area, Veterans having issues with housing and we can work with them, Senior Center is closed – why?, we need to help our senior citizens who need housing, how can we provide for our local homeless, we need housing, any recommendations, contact NHA, Department of Community Development, what do they have available for housing?: ***Mike Begay** – a few years ago when I was on CLUPC, attended NHA housing summit in Fort Defiance, Mike Halona asked a question – what do you need to build a housing development, you need land to have a housing development, one major problem is the common use grazing area set aside in the 1920-30's, that law or regulation proceeds everybody and all the laws that have been made since then, that's the problem you will run into, the laws that have been setup lately are in favor of land withdrawals, you have to withdraw land first: ***Rochelle Morris** – form a steer committee with IHS, Chinle has a CHIP committee, they have the community, police department, first responders at the table to move forward on different plans, federal grants out there to move on projects rather than look to the Navajo Nation since they don't have money, if we have a grand writer, Gallup has a 2-4 year wait list and its growing: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – working with Legislative Branch with the former council delegate and council about housing and it is a problem, housing is a problem, a new school and we need housing: ***Mike Begay** – infrastructure, where is it coming from?, water, wastewater, power and have a master plan to where all these things fit.

D. SWCD- Southwest Conservation District introduction- Mike Begay.

***Mike Begay** – Soil Water Conservation District two years ago, trying to get a new SWCD board, I was reluctant, join us at our meeting, I was elected Vice President, President came from Naschitti, no Secretary/Recorder and after a couple meetings I was left alone on the board, the plan of operation if you miss two meetings you are out, no SWCD committee for District 14, we need a SWCD board for this area, I contact a couple of people to regroup the SWCD board: ***Larry Rodgers** – can you do a summary on the meeting?: ***Mike Begay** – soil information, plant community, how to make crops healthy, rebuild the soil to a healthy state, rehabilitation at Chuska Lake, Red Willow Farm, District 14 consists of Tohatchi, Coyote Canyon, Mexican Springs, Naschitti, Bahastl'a'a' and Houck: ***Flora Nez** – I work for the Steamboat Commission Government, in order to start anything I was went to the youth, hire them for the summer and got them interested, hired workforce and TANIFF, they are now required to work and put in hours, there are a lot of people you can recruit, get them interested: ***Larry Rodgers** – the Biden Administration, Deb Holland, Department of Interior, approved multimillion funding for Indian tribes, Navajo Nation for conservation, money approved for youth conservation, not sure how long the money is available, we should look into it: ***Mike Begay** – it's a large sum of money, need contact information from Larry: ***Geneva Begay** – I

attended a SWCD meeting in District 14, establish a farm board to get a stipend, District 14 had concerns of the invasive Russian olive trees – how do we get assistance?, trash in Twin Lakes area when water flows, Mexican Springs when the flooded happened, I spoke to Ivan Joe of NRCS – must have a proposal within the first 30 days, for emergencies you need a template in place for flooding, fire, chapter should have the forms, develop a new SWCD and draw the interest: ***Sonny Moore** – there are other project on my list, conservation was on the bottom of my list, conservation affects us all, livestock owners were in there and we didn't know it, when you are assign to do a ranching plan - RMU, you need to know all the different topics, First Nations was talking about Science, do a crash course to education livestock owners in this environment area, the mountain we look as an asset to this area, Ivan Joe hasn't got the information out there, we haven't applied conservation here in Tohatchi, if Department of Agriculture isn't going to do it, we can come up with a group and start looking into conservation, USDA and NRCS has money, how do we capture this water from the mountain, sand dunes in our area we should get these departments to fix the problem, how did they fix the sand blowing in Grants?: ***Elvia Bitsilly** – how does the weather effect the land?, it's called reseeded and there is money, reseed 9653, Grants with the dust storm, the land was reseeded, last week we took a field trip on second day, received a comment from one of our attendees, 16 different plants was identified - weeds, looked at the soil which isn't good right now to plant and it's replenishing itself, it's regrowing.

E. Red Willow Farm Board project updates.

***Geneva Begay** – working on diversion dam up the Halona canyon, funding available through AIF and we're on year two, funding went to Water Resources to get a contractor to rebuild the diversion dam, a reservoir south of Tohatchi is eroded with dirt, Chuska lake there's a small gate, the mountain water went another direction, the canal was not wide and deep enough for the water to go to Chuska Lake, working with BIA on the eradication of tamarack and Russian olive, educate our ranchers and let them know the cows are chewing up all the vegetation and chewing up the tamarack, they eat it and take it back home, they are reseeding at their home and that's where the Russia olive will be grown, at Red Willow there's a run off and the cows already know there's water and there's Russian olive, educate the ranchers on the plants their cows are eating, paperwork In Window Rock is at bottom of the pile and you continue to asked where is my project then they put your paperwork on top of pile, this cycle repeats itself, Navajo Nation complaining not enough workers to help, no heavy equipment operator, our youth not coming back to Navajo Nation to work, RWFB to bring back trees to grow, each family plant a tree, trees produce oxygen, RWFB recruiting farmers, AIF an incentive for individual gardens to bring back farming, \$500.00 - \$1000.00, Department of Agriculture have been going around Navajo, 400 have signed up, \$9 million is available to help Navajo to bring back farming, we told NRCS there's a 24,000 gallon tank at Red Willow, they are willing to help active farmers and give them a Hoop house 30x28, you can produce food there year round, farmers to be responsible to take care of their hoop house, continue projects with community: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – funding – 1. Chuska Lake Diversion Dam and Canal Project, received funding through AIF (\$467,000), through Navajo Nation and is at Water Resources, the contract is ongoing, submit bids out; 2. Red Willow Field Improvement project (\$50,000) AIF; 3. Chuska Lake Reservoir and Red Willow wash eradication project (\$200,000) USDA/BIA; 4. Completion of security chain link fencing at pump house (\$40,000), Water Resources;

5. Water Tank irrigation line system installed (\$), Water Resources; 6. Powerline Project (\$400,000) Capital Outlay; 7. Water pump well project (\$267,000) Dept of AG; 8. Portable building donation by GMCS, working with NNDOT and BIA in moving the portable building sometime in May; 9. Red Willow Farm Tractor, flatbed and 3 attachments (\$449,000); it's a continuing process with funding coming to our projects, network with schools – farm to schools project – growing plants and support the schools, thank you to Red Willow board and the chapter with the chapter heavy equipment: ***Mike Begay** – BIA/NN Department of Agriculture and other entities are working on plans for District 14 as far as conservation, to fence the whole area in, from the eastern agency to the west end of District 14, the north, the fencing is already there that comes down from the mountain by Sheep Springs to the east by Chaco wash, the road that goes to Coyote Canyon and Crownpoint, there's a fence right away, they are trying to finish the eastern side boundary, once they get money they will fence the whole thing, they divided district 14 in half by highway 491 there's a right away on each side, remove all the livestock on the eastern side of 491, then look for people who are in compliance and not in compliance with their permits, do reseeding, last grazing meeting I attended, the plans changed and instead of getting rid of all the animals on 491 east, no more animals in District 14 and concentrate on canceling all grazing permits, take a look at all the permits where they came from and do they still exist, where the corrals are, who is not in compliance and who is not taking care of their animals, next pick out people who are willing to plant cover crops on the sections they are given, reseeding the land, they also want to eradicate the tamarack and Russian olive: ***Charles Arviso** – topics I've been listening to here, I was on CLUPC at one time, there used to be a big map on the wall, chapter bought a GPS system, we were to GPS all the dams and windmills, water tanks and it didn't happen, my area where I live is mostly sand, I have a fenced in area, has grass which I take care of, a lot of people overgraze in the area because of wild horses and cattle, a lot of those people don't have permits, the water from Mexican Springs and should consider putting in earth dams along the way, the water runs off to Chaco and San Juan, I worked with BIA, at one time there was funding to renovate the homes in the Eastern, Chuska had the same opportunity and there wasn't enough employees there to house those people, abandon houses in my area and I don't think the people won't be coming back to those houses, at least 3 homesites leases, the people who have the abandon house may not have a homesite lease, grazing people should look into, the houses are falling down, what can they do?, clean them up?, what is CLUPC doing about rural addressing?: ***Elvis Bitsilly** – rural addressing was talked about, it did fade away, APRA has money for that project, turned over to Public Safety Department to implement in the local communities, I haven't heard anything about it, we need to move that: ***Mike Begay** – Covid 19 stopped a lot of meetings, rural addressing was stopped, meetings were held through zoom, if rural addressing should come up again, Larry Rodgers can help?: ***Rochelle Morris** – for the future our grandparents had cattle, horses, sheep, goats and sheep and goats are very important to our environment which they manage our tumbleweeds which can be a fire hazard, we are in a high level of fire danger, 400 goat herds can clear an acre and a half of brush per day, if they are alongside of the highway to reduce the tumbleweeds which can be a hazard for those traveling the highway, 12- 16 days traveling on both sides of the highway, goats and sheep can clear the brush, there is a reason to keep our animals and learn how to take care of their animals: ***Larry Rodgers** – Santa Rosa ranch, the Ranch Program is a community operation, they rotate

around, fencing is like a wagon wheel, Mescalero, Laguna, Eastern Navajo is the only agency that has a well plan grazing, they have permits, are fenced in and have grazing permits, 24 tribal ranches they bid out that area, ranchers and owners pay in to the system, Rural Addressing - Mr. Baldwin gave a presentation for volunteers to do the work and it won't be official, CLUPC decided to work with McKinley County, APRA - \$35 million to Rural Addressing, \$17.5 million to Mr. Baldwin and \$17.5 to DPS, \$35 million was given to DPS, DPS plan was to do Navajo Nation wide, do the main roads and the rural areas were not a part of it, hot spots meaning the most active communities, growth centers are Shiprock, Chinle, Kayenta, Window Rock, secondary growth centers are Ganado, Tohatchi, these are the communities they will concentrate on, LOC meeting the person in charge didn't have anything to present: ***Sonny Moore** – McKinley County is willing to work with us and they need funding too, part of the funding can go to McKinley, where is the data information and it gets lost: ***Larry Rodgers** – Navajo Nation has 5 agencies, when we say reservation Eastern is not reservation because of that it's jurisdictional issue for Window Rock and Tohatchi, District 14, since Eastern is non reservation, the Counties gets involved, McKinley and San Juan, rural addressing is done: ***Sonny Moore** – APRA - projects from the chapters, some Council Delegates don't feel we can spend this money and deadlines are coming up, putting the money back in the pot and giving it to the people: ***Fern Spencer** – how far are we in being certified?: ***Sonny Moore** – we have one finding we need help with and make a decision, we can do it this spring and summer: ***Fern Spencer** - if we get a new group in we start over again and we cannot move forward, we get the money here we can get the projects started and completed: ***Rochelle Morris** – Navajo Nation President is working on getting the chapters to work on their own projects: ***Fern Spencer** – chapters have nice facilities: ***Mike Begay** – workshop we got paid \$100.00 plus mileage, Rural Addressing stipend: ***Rochelle Morris** – EMS didn't have enough staffing, Chinle and Kayenta workers come out and they didn't know how to find the families, rural addressing is important, I helped them with Tohatchi and Naschitti names.

Motion: Fern Spencer 2nd: Byron Bitsoie, Jr. Vote: 4-0-1

- IX. Resolutions: none
- X. Announcements: First Nations Training, April 2-3, 2024, Indian Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
- XI. Next Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 9am
- XII. Adjournment/ Time: 12:25 pm
- XIII.

Recorder: Delphine Bitsilly

