



April 17, 2024 @ 10:00am

## TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA

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  3. 031-04-2024 – Resolution to approve 6 sessions in April and May for traditional and cultural stories provided by Mr. Paul Long.
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  5. 033-04-2024 – Resolution to request the Resource and Development Committee (RDC), Division of Community Development (DCD), and the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) to approve in the Appendix “M” Budget instructions a line item for Utility expenses within the Unhealthy Food Tax for the Red Willow Farm Board.
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**TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES****I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 11:20 AM****II. ROLL CALL:** President Sonny Moore, Vice President Mike Halona, Secretary/Treasurer Jean Crawford, and Grazing Office Gerald Moore**III. INVOCATION:** Mr. Franklin Thompson**IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:****Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Laris Manuelito 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Duncan **Vote:** 27-0-3**Fern Spencer** – (Additions to the agenda) I recommend Laris Manuelito give her update on the construction of her store. Also, I recommend the approval of Housing Discretionary assistance for a community member which was handed to me this morning.**Vice President Halona** – I have a question of privilege, are we setting a precedence here by accepting resolutions directly from the floor to be entertained without it going through Planning Meeting?**President Moore** – No, it's not a precedence. We've done this before and I've seen it done through the previous officials.**V. APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:****Motion to include to read on your own:****Motion:** Orlanda Nez 2<sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Francisco **Vote:** 25-0-2**VI. PRESENTERS:**

- 1. Phyllis Dawson – (Election Office):** Ms. Dawson provided information about the different locations where you can do early voting or wait until the actual day of election. Crownpoint election office has an early election site with Zuni Tribal building on May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am-5pm. There is also one at Rio West Mall on May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> from Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-6pm. Thoreau fire station has one setup on May 21<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> on Saturdays from 9am-5pm. These are the early voting sites and on election day, Tohatchi Elementary will be open at 7am-7pm.
- 2. Alexandra Carlisle** - Will be talking about the 2023-2024 National Roper Supply Livestock Show Team Ambassador. My sister, Dylane was selected out of the entire US through a very vigorous selection process and she is very active in 4H and FFA. If you know the Carlisle's, that's what we do is show livestock. It's a very prestige program for young individuals in agricultural. She is unable to be here with us because of her schedule with FFA. She was gone an entire week and half two weeks ago to compete at NMSU in State FFA competition in Livestock judging and Veterinarian Science Curriculum. She did prepare a presentation for you to share with the community what she is doing. She was required to write an essay about what her platform would be about. She wrote she wanted to get more indigenous students, our native youth involved in agriculture off the reservation either through summer camps or different types of pre-college programs. She wants to encourage our youth to get off the reservation and see what is out there. This coming Sunday, she is organizing a community clean up, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7am-12pm and she is asking for help and seeking donations for water and other items like trash bags. She would like to make this an annual event.  
Dylane shows lambs, hogs, goats, and market beef and breeding heifer. She's won at national levels and



holds a title with Arizona livestock show. She is doing these things and trying to encourage everybody else to be a part of these programs.

Dally Carlisle – I also applied for this program as a senior in high school, but I didn't get in. It is a really hard program to get into. One of the ambassadors came up to her, and these are top industry leaders and told her, her essay was one of the strongest and the most unique because she is native American and is the only 2<sup>nd</sup> native American member on the team. Part of the requirements is you have to hold a national title and she is involved in a lot of different programs.

Alexandra Carlisle – The essay contest she is asked is “what do you want to leave as your mark as the ambassador.” Dylane wrote her essay, she is the 2<sup>nd</sup> native American, but this year on this team she is the only native American and she is from our community and that's something we say with pride. Dylane wants to encourage native youth to apply for programs, not just the NRS program. NMSU has a youth management camp who can teach a lot of our youth how to put together a management and business plan for livestock, range, and wildlife. There is also the Native American Fish and Wildlife program which she is a part of as well which takes them out a whole week into the mountains of Colorado and teaches them about wildlife management and what all goes into that and how to put that into a plan. So, like managing our wildlife and our deer and how to find equilibrium between the two. She also strives to take on leadership roles in our community. Dylane has held sits as secretary, vice president, and president and she is currently the president of her 4H club and she is also the community chair a lot of events at her FFA chapter puts on as well as community clean ups.

FFA is like an additional class for her, she is doing all her academic curriculum plus having to do her other FFA duties. So, it's like almost taking on two additional classes.

Dally Carlisle – my sister, Dylane works very hard inside and outside of class and she is a senior this year. She has applied to NMSU and has applied for programs which will cover her school/board/meals. She really pushes herself by taking on her school work, FFA projects, and livestock projects. She also coaches a lot of kids. One thing Dylane hates is not seeing more native kids participating in these programs. She would like to see more native get comfortable being uncomfortable so she has a way of connecting with the elders and she is a “big sister” and mentors' little kids. I hope you get to meet her this weekend because she is a pretty cool individual.

Alexandra Carlisle – Dylane also got an opportunity to present at the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society National Conference in Anchorage, Alaska last April. She also went to Washington D.C. and she got to meet the US Secretary of Agriculture. Dylane's question to the Secretary was “what he plans to do with the agriculture on tribal lands because we are not getting enough representation?” He was actually stump by her question. So, through communication she has open the eyes of a lot of people who don't know the native American agriculture. She was part of a team that actually translated the 4H pledge into Navajo and unveiled at the State Arizona 4H ball. So, she's done a lot of things and wants to bring it back to the community. Dylane will be attending NMSU and wants to become an Agriculture teacher here on Navajo and we are serious lacking teachers in this department.

President Moore – Our high school here does not have an FFA program anymore. We are trying to promote the FFA and 4H programs but there is not enough push in that area to get our youth interested. We also have the Red Willow Farm which does not seem to have enough interest from the community and our students. I like to see something in the area of 4H programs but if you can schedule some presentations with the grazing officer on some of the topics you discussed, we can find a place.

3. Victoria Kenneth – (Special Care at Home): We are taking applications for low-income families who need water dispensers. We will be requesting for documents which will need to be turned in. We have a water bottle that is electric and we are also looking for one that is non-electric. We are giving out 3 bottles per



family. One will be already in the dispenser and 2 extra ones which will be filled with water. You can get them refilled at Walmart, Safeway, and Culligan's here in town. What I don't know is how much it will cost to refill the bottles, but you do get the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 bottles filled with water.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – Is this a program provided by the State program or a Navajo Nation?

**Victoria Kenneth** – It's a private owned, locally owned by a family.

**Fern Spencer** – I want to tell the Carlisle family I really enjoyed your presentation, but Tohatchi High School does not have a Vocational Agriculture program and several of the programs which were offered at the high school has been deleted. This program is really needed and I hope you do a presentation to Gallup McKinley County School and get them involved. Back in the 70's when we did have Vocational Agriculture, we had an awesome program and we received national recognition.

4. **Susan Hillmeyer** – I teach English at the high school and I want to mention that our scores were low due to COVID. These students are bright, fabulously children and I wondered what I can do to help them see themselves as important, because we keep taking all these CBM's and lining up all these test scores. So, I wrote a glimpse and shared by glimpse with the kids and they started writing glimpses. Then the kids started to add art to their glimpses and they came up with a booklet. We would like to invite you on May 21<sup>st</sup>, to our open house community event. It starts at 5:45pm for sign in, after that a dinner and then a big awards ceremony to celebrate our kids. I am in room 805 at the high school.

Also regarding FFA, we are working with Red Willow Farm next year and we are really excited about it. We are trying to bring back the trade's programs, we understand the trades are where a lot of money can be made. We want our kids to go to college, but not all of our kids can do that. So, that's kind of the essences of this book, I want them to see themselves where they need to be and they find their path. I want them to find that balance and I want them to listen to you and work with us and become amazing. So, if you have ideas or you wish to come see the kids, you are welcome.

5. **Gabriel Bylilly** – I'm here representing Capacity Builders, a non-profit organization which is funded by grants. We have 14 different programs and my particular job is working with inmates in correction facility in Crownpoint, NM. I talk with the men in the facility about being good fathers, good men, and giving back to the community. I relate to the men fairly well because I use to be them and try to use my own life experiences to try to help them better themselves and heal themselves. I have been sobered for 9 years. I'm here to present on "Coalition to protect Tribal Relatives from Sexual and Domestic Violence." We are in the process of applying for a grant and asking Tohatchi community to support us and to be a part of this coalition. The benefits of this coalition would be educations on rape prevention, enhancing capacity for sexual violence prevention among tribal sexual assaults. If we do receive the grant, it would mean tribal specific funding, ability to fund trainings, and ability to build a sustainable coalition for our region. Additional funding is forecasted for the next 2 seasons and many of the resources addresses the sexual assault and domestic violence. Some of the partners that we have are Battered Families, Family Crisis, Kayenta Shelter, Chinle Northern Tree House, and Nova 3 in Gallup, NM. Our commitment to the programs in our coalition is to have quarterly virtual meetings, collaborate with statewide organizations including sexual victims, domestic victims' coalitions, resource knowledge sharing and collaborating with community events.

**Laris Manuelito** – Update on the construction of the store: I'm in the process of building a 50,000 sq foot grocery store at mile marker 19. It will be a full-service grocery store independently owned by myself, Navajo, woman, and veteran owned. It is not a Bashas nor a City Market. The land withdraw is complete, RDBO is working on the business site leasing as we speak and hopefully will be completed by May 2024. That will be something we will have a celebrating here or in W/R, it's up to the President. My due diligence is done, I've turned in all my paperwork and everything is good. I'm just waiting on RDBO to do their part



and they did say about May. The good news now is we are going into plan and design and I'm working with Ingenious Design Studios out of Albuquerque, Tamara Begay who is an amazing person. Another thing I would like to mention is my whole team is women oriented. This is something I really like to promote as well, our young ladies to aspire to do different things and different fields like architects, attorneys, accountants, and business owners. With the business site leasing, we'll have a small ceremony and with the ground breaking in 8 months will be another ceremony so we have something to look forward as a community. I'm working with RWF and Coyote Canyon on a farm to table venture and farmers' market. I'm looking into finding someone from USDA to come in to do a presentation/education on commercial agriculture. This is pushing the community to a whole different level, commercial agriculture because commercial agriculture is different than regular agriculture. So, my vision is to get the communities together and to promote for NN as well. This is the place my grandfather wanted to build a store and I feel like I'm caring on his dream and fulfilling his dream. I want to bring food sovereignty, food stainable, and healthy foods to us. Department of Economic Development has given me the go ahead to start the plan and design of this new market. We will be using a lot of innovative aspect onto the store, construction build model, it's not going to be a regular brick and mortar, it will be something economical. Also, incorporating solar, water recycling, and re-plantation of trees. I can't wait to see it come to fruition. If we continue to move at this rate, 6 months plan and design, 1 year of construction, so we are hoping to be ready go by 2026. It sits on 6 acres so there can be 1 or 2 more stores that will be there as well besides the grocery store. I'm also possibly working on another business venture (site) in Chinle, so I'm working on chaining before this store is even opened. Buying local is the tread now, so I want to keep everything local. We will be doing public hearings this summer. Actually 2 of them, one for introduction and second to get your input which is most important to me is getting the community's input, what would they like to see in the store. This store will be the community's store, you're vested in this store, I'm just putting it there and I want you to help me decide what you would like to see in the store.

**Alexandra Carlisle** - have you been able to reach out to the Intertribal Agriculture Council or any of the Tribal Food Sovereignty entities? There is a lot of support financial to make sure we are getting native produce for native as well as food sovereignty for tribal nation.

**Laris Manuelito** – No, not as of yet, but that is exactly what I'm looking for, those kinds of resources.

**Grazing Officer Moore** – we have a community member who was involved with that, IC Tribal Food Sovereignty, Council Delegate Nathan Notah.

**Vice President Halona** – I want to connect you with the Wolf Springs Ranch in Colorado. They are now expanding not only the management of their bison and their cattle, but now instead of putting them on the market, they are starting to develop their own food processing plant on site to sell the meat directly without the middle man. It will go directly to Navajo and I believe we can beat Walmart prices.

**Laris Manuelito** – That's exactly what I want to do is everything local. Even the security group that I want to bring in to train our security for our store is a native woman from California. She has her own security business and she is willing to train local people who are interested in that aspect as professional securities. I'm partnering with Navajo Nation and we collaborate, but in the end it's my decision as to what goes and what stays.

**Valentina Benallie** – is that your group of surveyors who are surveying on the eastside of mile 19?

**Laris Manuelito** – No, that's Navajo/Gallup Water Supply doing the archeological surveys.

**Former Delegate Pernell Halona** – I'm wondering how many jobs this new grocery store will bring to the community?

**Laris Manuelito** – about 150 so far. We will be open from 6am to midnight with 2 shifts which will include store operator, managers, assistances, baggers, cashiers, maintenance, and securities. The business plan is a



living document so we can add to it as needed. The new building will be 2 story with a barista, elevator and a balcony on the outside. So, the kids can do their homework using the Wi-Fi (internet). It will have a full-service deli, full-service butchering, and full-service produce.

**Former Delegate**

**Pernell Halona** – I’ve seen Laris working on this 2-3 years ago, so please support her efforts and we appreciate the opportunity she is giving to our community.

**1. March 2024 Financial Report -**

<b>FEBRUARY BALANCE FUND</b>		
1	Chapter Activities Gen Fund	\$20,860.17
2	NN General Fund	\$7.49
3	Land Claims Trust	\$21,681.15
8	Supplemental Youth Fund	\$16,473.60
9	Housing Discretionary Fund	\$17,156.98
10	LGA Grant Fund	\$73,559.51
12	Chapter Stipends	\$34,170.03
13	Scholarship General Fund	\$9,795.00
14	Scholarship Claims Fund	\$2,528.98
15	PEP Fund	\$51,220.45
16	Veterans Fund	\$5,000.00
17	Emergency Fund	\$40,212.02
23	NN Sales Tax	\$78,544.87
25	NN CIP - \$180,000	\$28,082.94
26	Red Willow	\$1,040.37
27	NN CIP - \$200,000	\$3,877.78
34	Agriculture & Infrastructure	\$3.68
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	\$88,720.99
51	NAPI	\$2,299.66
61	Senior Center	\$2,162.99
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$497,398.66</b>

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – President Moore and I review the financial reports monthly. For the month of February, our books are in balance and everything has been reconciled back to the bank. Every check that was written by the accountant has been reconciled or accounted for, for the month of February. Again, as always, these reports are posted at the Chapter and if you would like a copy of the Budget to Actual, that is available to the community upon request.

**President Moore** – with accounting, everything has to balance out to the penny so our balance sheet balances out for the month of March 2024. We reviewed the check register and all outstanding checks and will ask the Chapter accountant about these, but she always has an explanation. We also make sure the checks are in sequential order and there are no missing checks. All checks are accounted for on the March report. Our accountant is always ready to answer any questions we have on the financial report. We have



compared the Chapter's books with Wells Fargo's books, so we are in balance.

As far as the Veteran's fund, they received \$5,000 a while back. I've let Maria know there is a couple of line items they can use. The request for disbursement has to be done through a Chapter meeting to get approval. There is a request currently in Maria's office. Navajo Nation sales tax has \$78,000, in there we have money set aside for the safety complex with matching funds of \$25,000 and we also have matching funds for the warehouse in amount of \$17,000. The State of NM promotes the local governance to put in matching funds for all our projects. Every year the Chapter receives an allocation from NN from Sales Tax and we are expecting \$60-65,000 this year. Unhealthy Food Tax, we have \$88,000 and we are trying to find different ways to spend this money in the promoting of Agriculture. We had applied for a grant with NAPI and we received \$5,000. It was decided to spend this fund on a basketball court which was started but never completed. We need to go back and complete this program. Red Willow Farm also has a budget and they spent around \$1000 to pay toward their utility bill. Some of the fund they want to spend on tractor fuel and minor repairs. This is money the committee has received from fund raising. We also receive funds from gaming, whatever money they make goes to the NN, but I don't think they are doing very well.

**Motion to Accept the February 29, 2024 Financial Report:**

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Fern Spencer 2<sup>nd</sup> Laris Manuelito Vote: 28-0-2**

**Vice President Halona** – I just want to commend the staff for working extra hard to keep the financial reports up to date. If you don't it can get away from you easily. But they keep documents for every transaction and that takes organization so I want to commend our staff for the hard work and the officials jointly making these financial reports easy to follow. I get to go to all the 110 chapters and it's very seldom some chapters will get a financial report, some don't even post it, and some don't even give the financial information to the Chapter officials. So, what we have here is special, unique and professional. We should be proud of Tohatchi Chapter, we are setting the bar, we are setting the example, and setting the standards of what the community wants to see.

## **VII. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **029-04-2024:** Resolution to approve a budget transfer from Fund 03 (NN Claims Fund) in the amount of \$1000 to replenish diesel fuel account.

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Tommy Badonie 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Duncan Vote: 24-0-1**

2. **030-04-2024:** Resolution to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter revenue (Jan, Feb, Mar) in the amount of \$3,134.99 in Chapter revenue.

**President Moore** – We may have to raise our price to dispose of household trash from \$8 to \$10 because of the increase in operation.

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Ira Burbank 2<sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Francisco Vote: 25-0-1**

3. **031-04-2024:** Resolution to approve 6 sessions in April and May for traditional and cultural stories provided by Mr. Paul Long.

**Priscilla Duncan** – I noticed that Mr. Long had already provided services to the Chapter, why is the chapter just now approving this resolution?

**President Moore** – The Chapter was going to pay Mr. Long the full amount of \$1,200, but I asked the CSC Maria if we could pay him half first and the balance when he completes his service to the Chapter. A check had to be re-written.

**Audrey Carlisle** – I'm wondering why we don't use our own elderly in our community to give talks on tradition and culture?

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Priscilla Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup> Laris Manuelito Vote: 19-7-2**

4. **032-04-2024:** Resolution to approve the use of Sales Tax (Fund 01) to pay for Red Willow's utility (NTUA) bill.



**President Moore** – The plan of operation was established for the RWF and the current dam was the main source of water to the farm area. Due to the lack of rain, the plan has since changed to install a 3-phase electricity to power the new water pump. RWF accumulated a utility bill of over \$2000 and they have paid some of the cost themselves using the RWF account within the Chapter budget. They can't go to the Department of Agriculture or anywhere else. They may be able to get some funds from other sources which they have not explored, but they need their bill paid to start using the pump for the farmers who will be planting this spring. They are asking the Chapter to pay their delinquent amount of \$1,077.11 and continue on a monthly basis to pay their utility bill using Sales Tax funds. You're probably wondering why this has accumulated to over \$2000 before RWF took action on this? I know NTUA to do this on a new service, where they will not provide a bill for you until months later.

**Alexandra Carlisle** – in my previous experiences with farming and ranching and working with NTUA, I use to be an alfalfa crop manager at NAPI and when we had a perk surge in electrical use it was a different rate. It would be a good idea to question NTUA if you are going to use it seasonal to make sure they are not hitting you with the peak rate.

**Elvis Bitsilly** – Back in 2013, we received funding \$600,000 from the State of NM to install a 3-phase power line and we also received funds for a pump well system which is installed. This is a temporary solution to the drought conditions in our area. Our RWF is a model for all of Navajo. We are the first to have a well system installed and we are going through all the phases to make sure we have an efficient farming season. Our former board did do some fund raising so they can have some funds to pay RWF operational bills and this is how a budget was setup in the Chapter account. We also provide tractor services which brings in some revenue. I have been asked why our NTUA bill is in the thousands? When we had the grand opening in June of 2023 is when our utility was turned on and I was not contacted until January of 2024 of our outstanding utility bill. The actual bill had someone else name on it and I did ask the billing department with NTUA why it took so long to send out our utility bill. The reason why the bill was so high is because we weren't checking on the heater fan inside of the pump house and it ran all winter long. This is where the cost of heating system accumulated. The heating fan was used to make sure the water line did not freeze up. This year we will be shutting the heating fan off in November depending on the weather. Again, it is a learning phase and we'll make sure this does not happen in the future.

**Alexandra Carlisle** – If the heater were to be shut off during the winter months and something should break, is that cost going to be offset by the cost of actually paying the utility bill to keep it on because those valves are not cheap?

**Elvis Bitsilly** – the pumphouse is not properly insulated also the well itself there is natural water coming up to the surface. So, the water is continuous flowing out, but we don't use it. Yes, we are looking at that and we may just have to keep the heater on year-round. The heater is run off a thermostat and we can control the level.

**Vice President Halona** – what do you estimate the monthly utility rate will be and based on that, how many farmers are we serving and how do we get to some sort of cost sharing program? These are some of the things we need to start working back towards getting people to value what's available.

**Elvis Bitsilly** – Yes, we are working on the technicalities like data on the usage of the power to pump the water. NTUA did quote our monthly bill for RWF is around \$250 per month. I'm hoping there will be 10 farmers who will be planting this year. The pump averages 250 gallon per minute and 1600 ft below the surface.

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> **Andrey Carlisle** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Shirley Chato** **Vote: 18-2-2**

5. **033-04-2024:** Resolution to request the Resource Development Committee (RDC), Division of



Community Development (DCD), and the Budget & Finance Committee (B&F) to approve in the Appendix "M" Budget instruction a line for Utility expenses within the Unhealthy Food Tax for Red Willow Farm Board.

**President Moore** – This resolution is to request the standing committees mention in the resolution to add in utility expenses using the Unhealthy Food Tax which has a balance of \$88,000. This would require changes to be made to Appendix "M" in the Budget instructions. It would also assist our committees like RWF to have their utilities paid using Unhealthy Food Tax funds. Unhealthy Food Tax is related to agriculture but it is not listed in Appendix "M" to be used for utility expenses. This resolution is just thinking ahead and a request at this point.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – Will this be used by all our committees here at the Chapter or this strictly for Red Willow Farm?

**President Moore** - Just for the RWF.

**Vice President Halona** – We are asking NN to change BIM (NN Budget Instruction Manual) for the whole NN. This has to be done through council action and I think we have considered if that's what we are purposing to including all the other chapters as well. I believe we will run into unnecessary challenges but if we do it correctly, we can get the end result we are looking for. We need to look at some alternatives if that's what we want to do. Maybe it won't requiring changing the NN Budget Instruction Manual but work on putting it into our own internal budget line item for that use. It would be more logical to do it that way. We can put it into policy and have our community vote on it. It might be easier to do it this way.

**Elvis Bitsilly** – I agree with Vice President Halona, to work on this at the Chapter level and not request to have it changed at NN. This would be a faster process.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – I'm in agreement with Mr. Bitsilly, I think we should go back to revise this resolution before we vote on it.

**President Moore** – Anybody can ask for a substitute motion to table the resolution for revision until our next meeting.

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Ira Burbank 2<sup>nd</sup> Tommy Badonie**

**Substitute Resolution was tabled: 1<sup>st</sup> Lillian Barney 2<sup>nd</sup> Fern Spencer Vote: 21-0-2**

6. **034-04-2024:** Resolution to obtain a Right-of-way, Archaeological Clearance for roads number 9653, 9955, and Halona Canyon Road.

**Vice President Halona** – When you read this resolution, it says we want BIA and NNDOT to assist Tohatchi Chapter by obtaining the required clearances. There is no funding left for this so the intent should be, we are "supporting NNDOT and BIA" and the community is asking them to do the necessary clearances to get a right-of-way. But the language is different on our resolution, it's stating the Chapter will be doing all the work. Whoever is going to operator and maintenance the road becomes the applicant. The applicant is responsible for getting the necessary legal land surveys, archeological clearances, the biological clearances and if it's a BIA action then an environmental assessment would be required. Now, if it's all going to be done by NNDOT, what they do is obtain a Tribal Access Authorization without no BIA approval and no BIA requirements to fulfill. Again, if we do it correctly, we can get them to do what we want them to do. When you put a packet together, first is consent from the permittees and 2<sup>nd</sup> is Chapter support resolution, that's where we should be entertaining a support resolution which is required to submit an application for right-of-way or the TAA. After that is the legal survey and all the environmental that need to come with it. So, if we do the support and what our support is in the community to the Chapter to these entities with instructions on what we want them to do. Some of these road's quality for a FONSI (Finding of No Significcate Impact) where all the impacts



have already been disturbed.

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Audrey Carlisle 2<sup>nd</sup> Orlanda Nez

**Resolution was tabled to review and revise**

**Substitute Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Priscilla Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup> Fern Spencer **Vote: 21-0-1**

7. **035-04-2024:** Resolution to approve Housing Discretionary assistance for Mr. David Miller in the amount of \$2000.

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tommy Badonie 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Duncan **Vote: 18-2-1**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next planning meeting May 6th, District Grazing Committee meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> @ Coyote Canyon at 9am. From Alexandra Carlisle: Beef Quality Assurance Training April 18<sup>th</sup> at Shiprock Chapter from 9:30am to 2pm. If you have cattle and you want to become BQA certified, I can certify both NM and AZ. AZ cost \$5 but if you are a NM, it's free. On Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> we have an Innovative Test Management Training at Shiprock Chapter. We will be covering bed bugs, pest, how to use pesticides safety, what type of pest you may have inside and outside your backyard gardens as well as livestock pest. July 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having an Alert Program which is an animal livestock incident training response team. It's a team that involves U of A and NM Extension and Tribal Extension as well as collaboration with state veterinarians on both sides because we don't have a veterinarian at our disposal. The team will be trained in emergency response to our livestock. Audrey Carlisle: Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, my daughter Dylane will be organizing a cleanup day from 7am-noon. I invited some representatives and senators to come out on that day. Help us clean up our community.

**Grazing Officer Moore** – May 28th, Part 2 District 14 Farm & Ranch workshop, we'll do ranching in the morning and farming in the afternoon.

Paul Long is presenting tomorrow morning here at Chapter and next Thursday at 10am as well. Red Willow Farm Board meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm.

**President Moore** – we did select an architect, Loren Miller & Associates for the Safety Complex

**Vice President Halona** – The NN did hire a new Veterinarian Medical Officer, David Manuelito.

**Valentina Benallie** – What is the status of the highway lighting?

**President Moore** – We've wanting to meet with the people in Santa Fe Highway Department. In the meantime, we have been talking about moving some funds from ARPA for the highway lighting project.

**Maria, CSC** – Tohatchi Chapter will have a large trash bin stationed in back of the Chapter for clean up week on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>. We will not take tires, appliances, and no large furniture. So, the trash station will be closed that week.

**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 6, 2024 Planning Meeting @ 10am.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT: 2:10pm**

**Motion:** 1<sup>st</sup> JoAnn Crosby 2<sup>nd</sup> Valentina Benallie

Submitted by,



Secretary/Treasurer, Tohatchi Chapter **April 28, 2024**

cc: Mr. Sonny Moore, President

Mr. Mike Halona, Vice-President

Mr. Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer

Ms. Maria Allison, CSC