



September 18, 2024 @ 10:00am

## TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA

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- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION
- IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF August 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES
- VI. PRESENTER:
  1. Laris Manuelito – Resilience Hub
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  1. None
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  1. August 2024 Financial Report
- IX. RESOLUTIONS:
  1. 063-09-2024: Resolution to extend the PEP employees to the end of December 2024 which includes the Office Specialist, Receptionist, the Heavy Equipment Operator, and the Laborers if I have work for them. I will be advertising for all of these positions in January 2025.
  2. 064-09-2024: Resolution to approve budget transfer within Fund 01(Professional Fees), the Navajo Nation Chapter Activities General Fund in the amount of \$1000 to replenish the other Professional Fees
  3. 065-09-2024: Resolution to approve budget transfer within Fund 13(College Financial Assistance), the Navajo Nation Scholarship-General Fund in the amount of \$150 to cover the negative balance in Financial Assistance Funds.
  4. 066-09-2024: Resolution to approve 25 community members for septic tank cleaning for month of October. The total cost is \$230.00 but we will be doing a cost share, where the community members will be responsible for \$100.00 of the cost and the chapter will pay the \$200.00.
  5. 067-09-2024: Resolution to approve Mr. Pernell Halona as the new CLUPC member.
  6. 068-09-2024: Resolution to approve an MOU between the Chapter and BIA, so we can take our grader to grade on the roads BIA is responsible for. The MOU will cover the chapter in this case
- XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- XII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: October 07, 2024 (Planning Meeting).
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:





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## TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

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- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 11:50 AM**
- II. **ROLL CALL: President Sonny Moore, Secretary/Treasurer Jean Crawford, and Grazing Office Gerald Moore**
- III. **INVOCATION: Sonny Moore**
- IV. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Priscilla Duncan 2<sup>nd</sup> Laris Manuelito Vote: 16-0-1**
- V. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES:**  
**Motion to include to read on your own:**  
**Motion: 1<sup>ST</sup> Pernell Halona 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee Rodgers Vote: 16-0-1**
- VI. **PRESENTERS:**
  1. **Phyllis Dawson: Bureau of Election Office** – November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the General Election and you can go to Tohatchi Elementary School to vote from 7am-7pm. We are doing same day registration starting October 8<sup>th</sup> in the County Rotunda, Courthouse. We are also doing absentee voting from October 8 through October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 5pm. If you are not registered to vote or you are not sure if you are, you can go to the website: nmvote.org. This is a Federal and State election and we have 4 bond questions and 4 amendment questions. We also have a county election for judicial district division, district attorney, county commissioner, county clerk, county treasurer, and county liquor excise tax question. The Bureau of Election has a QR code that you can scan to register or to check on the status of your registration. There will be alternate voting sites at these locations: Twin Lakes Chapter and Manuelito Chapter which starts on October 21- November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am – 5pm. Crownpoint election office, Zuni Tribal Building, and Thoreau fire station which starts on October 19<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tuesday – Saturday from 9am – 5pm. Rio West Mall which starts on October 19<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> on Tuesday – Saturday from 10am – 6pm. The election office is also looking for employees during this election season. If you are interesting, please call 505-722-4469. Qualifications are you have to be 18 years of age or older and a registered voter with McKinley.
  2. **Laris Manuelito: Resilience Hub** – I'll be sharing information on a "resilience hub" that has been setup in Mesa Arizona. This initiative is called a resilience hub. Resilience Hubs provide a home base for residents, businesses, and organizations to gather for workshops, events, meals, and training opportunities that benefit a range of community needs, including resilience. The grocery store that I'm building will be on 6 acres and it's becoming apparent that there could be a lot of services involve than it being just a grocery store. I was introduced to an individual from ASU who has a PHD who heard me speak on my grocery store and she told said the grocery store could become a resilience hub. It's a community oriented, community being the operative word, community initiative or for community members to come together as an organized group. Each resilience hub is different and the NN has several grocery stores on Navajo, the other 13 are all Navajo owned or in partner with Bashas or Navajo shopping center. This grocery store is dependently own by myself and I have a lot of autonomy as to what I can put in this store.



I have to be able to move things a lot quickly because I was able to contract myself, my business with the entities that would do the work I required. The business site lease is at the very end waiting for a feasible study to be conducted. I've already contracted with the company that will be doing the work. And this is where the government holds back when people are trying to make changes and be innovative, because we are waiting on the NN government to get back together so we can get things to go through for us. So, in the meantime we are waiting on them to pass the comprehensive budget. Unfortunately, in this business time is money and that's where I'm at with the business site lease and the Land withdrawal has been done. The initial plan for the business was to have an emergency management part in it, that is why the design is the way it is. The parking areas can be used as drop areas for hay, coal, water, and medical. This is a part of the resilience hub which is the emergency management part of the business. This is not part of the Tohatchi Chapter's emergency management plan, but I can always partner with them.

I will be looking for community members from District 14 who are willing to become members for the resilience hub. This resilience hub will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of its kind across the Navajo Nation and I hope this will serve as a template for other resilience hub on Navajo.

**Elvis Bitsilly** - is this resilience hub something different than what you presented to us as the plans for the new store, or is it part of the business itself?

**Laris Manuelito** – It was original part of the plan, but it just did not have a name. The emergency management part of it has always been there and all I have to do was put a name to it.

**Pernell Halona** – the program you were talking about from the last time we talked, you were trying to create was a system that was different, now you're adding another project on top of it. This project you are talking about is the same as when people come in with their goods to sell, like a flea market type style.

**Laris Manuelito** – Yes.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – How many people are you looking for to be on this resilience hub committee?

**Laris Manuelito** – 2-3, 4-5. It's not necessarily how many, but the more the better. This gives a better input and ideas.

**Lee Rodgers** – I just want to say, I really like your idea and innovative approach to your dream. It's really refreshing to hear something different. I'm sure it will be foreign to some, but once it starts to develop, people will realize this is something we needed all along. So congratulations and much success to you.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**August 2024 Financial Report -**

<b>AUGUST BALANCE FUND</b>		
1	Chapter Activities Gen Fund	\$18,953.04
2	NN General Fund	\$10,925.56
3	Land Claims Trust	\$18,828.81
8	Supplemental Youth Fund	<b>-\$6,960.70</b>
9	Housing Discretionary Fund	\$5,228.41
10	LGA Grant Fund	\$67,113.88
12	Chapter Stipends	\$18,318.96
13	Scholarship General Fund	\$3,745.00



14	Scholarship Claims Fund	\$2,528.98
15	PEP Fund	\$7,662.19
16	Veterans Fund	\$3,980.77
17	Emergency Fund	\$32,620.02
23	NN Sales Tax	\$116,278.45
25	NN CIP - \$180,000	\$21,704.08
26	Red Willow	\$1,040.37
27	NN CIP - \$200,000	\$3,877.78
34	Agriculture & Infrastructure	\$3.68
40	Unhealthy Food Tax	\$104,621.20
51	NAPI	\$2,162.99
61	Senior Center	\$2,299.66
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$434,933.13</b>

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** – The financial reports were reviewed by Chapter President and Secretary /Treasurer. For the month of August 2024, our books are in balance and everything has been reconciled back to Wells Fargo bank. We reviewed all the checks that were written for the month and all have been accounted for. Just to note: there is a negative balance in the Supplemental Youth Fund in the amount of \$6,960.70.

**President Moore** – To explain the negative balance in the Supplemental Youth Fund in the amount of \$6,960.70. We were hoping the check from W/R would be processed in the month of August 2024. The Council had approved this legislation so we allowed the youth to work, but instead we are still waiting on the funds to hit our account. Normally, we don't like to do business like this, but we felt the kids needed the money. Since the legislation has been approved, the check should be processed in October 2024 and this will clear up the negative balance we currently have.

**Motion to Accept the August 31, 2024 Financial Report:**

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Laris Manuelito 2<sup>nd</sup> Pernell Halona Vote: 13-0-4**

**IX. RESOLUTIONS:**

- 063-09-2024:** Recommending and approving to extend the employment of the Public Employment Program (PEP) workers through December 31, 2024.  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Duncan Vote: 13-0-4**
- 064-09-2024:** Resolution to approve a budget transfer within Fund 01 the Navajo Nation Chapter Activities General Fund in the amount of \$1000 to replenish the other Professional Fee.  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Laris Manuelito 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Allison Vote: 15-0-2**
- 065-09-2024:** Resolution to approve a budget transfer within Fund 13 the Navajo Nation Scholarship-General Fund in the amount of \$150.00 to cover the negative balance in the Financial Assistance Fund.  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Pernell Halona 2<sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Francisco Vote: 16-0-1**
- 066-09-2024:** Resolution approving Samuel's Septic Service for septic tank cleaning for twenty-five (25) registered community homeowners from Fund 23 (Sales Tax) with a cost-share from clients at \$100 per household.  
**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Pernell Halona 2<sup>nd</sup> Laris Manuelito Vote: 16-0-1**
- 067-09-2024:** Resolution to approve Mr. Pernell Halona as the new member for CLUPC, effective October 1, 2024.

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> Laris Manuelito Vote: 15-0-2**

6. **068-09-2024:** Resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BIA Roads, Ft. Defiance, and Tohatchi Chapter for route 9653.

**Motion: Pernell Halona 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Duncan Vote: 16-0-2**

- X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** District 14 Grazing Meeting October 2nd at Coyote Canyon @ 9am. Part 4 Farm/Ranch Workshop/Training October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9am-3pm. RWFB on October 1st @ 1pm. Tohatchi Homecoming Parade October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- XI. **NEXT MEETING DATE: October 07, Planning Meeting @ 10am.**

- XII. **ADJOURNMENT: 1:16pm**

**Motion: 1<sup>st</sup> Pernell Halona 2<sup>nd</sup> Priscilla Ducan**

Submitted by,



Secretary/Treasurer, Tohatchi Chapter **September 24, 2024**

cc: Mr. Sonny Moore, President

Mr. Mike Halona, Vice-President

Mr. Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer

Ms. Maria Allison, CSC