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AGENDA

Tuesday December 17, 2024 @ 9am-12n
Tohatchi Chapter

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- I. Call to Order: Time: _____ Roll Call: _____ Invocation: _____
- II. Introduction of Guests:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2024
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 - B. Tohatchi Chapter Projects 2025-President Sonny Moore
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 - D. Red Willow Farm Board
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- X. Adjournment/ Time:



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I. Call to Order: Time: 9:25 am Roll Call: 4 Invocation: Pernell Halona

II. Introduction of Guests: Sonny Moore, Tyler Frazier - online

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to move Aero Tech LLC under New Business to be first as presenter:

Motion: Fern Spencer 2nd: Pernell Halona Vote: 3-0-1

IV. Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2024

Motion to approve and read on your own: Pernell Halona 2nd: Fern Spencer Vote: 3-0-1

V. Old Business:

A. Tohatchi Community Land Use Plan/Updates/Section Assignments

***Elvis Bitsilly** – work on your sections, we need to finalize, review and get plan approved for chapter; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – I sent an email out to CLUPC members with assigned sections, did you get the email Mr. Halona, Mr. Rodgers was working on sections 1, 3, 6, we don't have anyone assigned to section 2 and email stated if there is a volunteer for section 2 and I didn't hear back from anyone; ***Fern Spencer** – can we wait until Priscilla gets confirmed tomorrow; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – yes, if she's confirmed we can assign to Priscilla Duncan; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Priscilla hasn't 100% confirmed herself yet, she wasn't sure on her commitment from last meeting.

B. Tohatchi Chapter Projects 2025-President Sonny Moore

***Sonny Moore** – we're at a cross roads with making changes with officials, after the inauguration the chapter Vice President to continue the chapter business on a month to month until the chapter president election, Brenda Jesus of RDC introduced an emergency legislation – bringing a appointed pro-temp chapter president or secretary/treasurer, in our case it would be the President's position and it can be done at the local level at a regular chapter meeting to appoint a person to continue to be president or appoint another person to be president until the election occurs, CLUPC - no matter what happens we have these assignments, we have good stuff on our table like recertify the Land Use Plan, meeting we had with Economic Development and looking at commercial development projects for CLUPC, rural addressing has come back, no matter what happens with who is President or Vice President CLUPC needs to go on with the chapter business, don't get discourage, I don't think the new people coming on board will disagree with the efforts done by CLUPC and efforts done by the current officials, looking at ICIP projects and working with Maria, top 3 projects – the New Mexico Governor changed how to work with Navajo and work with projects that are more shovel ready, asking for \$500,000 for Ware house, \$3.5 million for Highway Lighting, there are two portals we are working with, first deadline was last Friday, all three projects were uploaded, Safety Complex – asking for money for planning, asking for construction funds, there are good funding sources even if the Navajo Nation has to go out and borrow the money for the first five chapters who want a Safety Complex, the contracts and general contractor for the architect are all in Window Rock seeking approval from DOJ, part of the 164 process, the project manager – Parsons – good at keeping this process moving, coming up with drawings and designs next year – end of March, when those drawings come out CLUPC can look at those designs – floor plans to say yes or no, I will produce a written update on all projects and give to the incoming officials, they will know the updates and status projects, we will have a teleconference with Rep. Johnson sometime today and I have to draft a letter to the legislators and these are our priorities, I have two jobs – one I'm already in, another one and with that going on, that being my main reason for not running for Chapter President, I have an individual in mind and the best candidate, I might considered a pro-temp to continue the continuity and possible it could be me, and up to the community; ***Pernell Halona** – chapter needs to ask, it's only for that one meeting, next meeting they will ask for another pro-temp; ***Fern Spencer** – are we the only

chapter in this boat; ***Sonny Moore** – there's probably other chapters across the reservation, some chapters don't have secretary/treasurer, I'm not sure what the process will be, will we be allowed to do a pro-temp appointment until the election or for each meeting; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – what I heard on the council floor on this legislation, pro-temp appointment is after the inauguration, the chapter membership or officials can nominate, for us, a chapter president pro-temp for one or two months until they have special election to fill the president job or position at the chapters, only eight chapters that have this vacancy and we're one of them, fifteen chapters didn't have a secretary/treasurer and they will do the same thing; ***Fern Spencer** – this inauguration is taking place on January 7; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – January 7th for Fort Defiance at Ganado Pavilion, when the chapter meets Lee will temporarily run the meeting, you will have two membership – Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer which is a quorum, do we need a pro-temp chapter president, it would be up to the chapter officials to get a pro-temp to cover the time period until the special election, Sonny would be eligible to be the pro-temp, with the Navajo Nation it could go two to three months or six months; ***Pernell Halona** – the laws have been set, we can go that route; ***Sonny Moore** – biggest advantage in how Tohatchi is structured, you will have a Vice President who is not working, split the responsibility, in my case - the past four years, we had a working Vice President, secretary/treasurer is okay, located in Albuquerque and was available through email, telephone calls, her job is specific, it's really the President and Vice President are the ones to work on the projects, it's a lot of work, Maria was on the learning curve and has the experience, the office can operate on its own; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we have an audit to take care of, and that person will need to know what is going on to fulfill the process, our incoming Vice President doesn't know the status of the audit, our secretary yes, grazing official yes, plus all other projects we're doing, people need to understand that and not pick someone off the street or corner, or somebody they feel will do something, Ke or relative in public and do the job; ***Fern Spencer** – they need to be knowledgeable in reference to how the Navajo Tribe runs, people talk to me and say we need this and we need to do this, okay it takes time, everybody thought the safety complex was going to be built like that, it's always gimme, gimme, it's never how can I help you or what can we do, their kids take the same philosophy when they go to school, I would like to have him to continue as Pro-Temp since we have all these things in place, it will take time when someone else goes through these things and understand, how does that work or what happened to this, some people don't come to these meetings to be informed and come to eat; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the audit process is the key thing for our chapter, RDC will question everything, meetings might change dates.

C. Tohatchi Business Site Tour NN Economic Development/December 5, 2024

***Sonny Moore** – we have legitimate plans to build businesses and benefit the community, sight tour with Flora Nez, we looked at three areas, 1 – already a business site – across the high school, road to the lake, more than four acres; 2 – post office, a corridor on west side of highway, according to Flora she can produce a map using GPS points so CLUPC can initiate a land designation, talk to businesses about what to build there and ties into the land use recertification, question – do we do another survey with the community and get their input as what kind of businesses to be built, that land withdrawal would be a feasibility type – what can we build there, infrastructure has everything on that side of the highway, we do have concerns with the sewer line that runs from the post office to the first manhole and will have to be replaced, we can promote the other half of the post office for a potential business site, the sewer has been giving us problems, an old cast iron change out to PVC, looking at \$60-80,000 replacement, those kinds of projects can be added on to the ICIP, complete other projects, once these projects are done in 2025, what are your futures plans for the chapter – replace appliances in kitchen, improve ventilation, bathrooms need to be ADA compliant, another chapter truck, dump truck – five cubic yard, a grader for road improvements, new chapter house – future projects, maybe add on an office or take over the workforce building – change into a large conference room, we're one of few chapters that has 20-30 megawatts for internet services, we are set for virtual meetings, moved to the transfer station and it's been surveyed and we can advertise that one, Veterans not sure what their plans are; ***Fern Spencer** – do they realized what they have; ***Sonny Moore** – they don't have anyone to plan; ***Pernell Halona** – the land to the lake, when can we get funding for water and electricity; ***Sonny Moore** – a good place for a self-storage, that way you don't have to worry about putting in a small lagoon, self-storage you only need a trailer, house the person who will accept payments, need a septic tank - leech system, electric not far from there, she will make those contacts of people who work with storage, that way we don't have to run the water under the highway because it's expensive; ***Pernell Halona** – for further development we should start working to get waterline and electricity for businesses, get it started now; ***Fern Spencer** – what about Mr. Bedah place, is there water; ***Sonny Moore** – no, just the powerline runs through, a gas line across the highway, that is Ceceila Yazzie's grazing area; ***Fern Spencer** – grazing officer stated people bring livestock in the community.

VI. New Business:

A. Aero Tech LLC, NN Rural Addressing/ Virtual -1st presentation

*Tyler Frazier – introduction, my business is we do project management work, engineering and leadership consulting, we were assigned to provide project management expertise to a contractor from the Division of Public Safety, Division of Public Safety put out a RFP about a year ago for rural addressing and Next Generation 911 services on the Navajo Nation, this is part of the ARPA projects, Division of Public Safety hired MTM Solutions out of Farmington, New Mexico, they needed someone with project management background to help and execute this large project and they reached out to us, we are a sub-contractor under MTM Solutions out of Farmington, our role in this project is to insure all the project management aspects are put together to execute this project and implementing it, we are a sub-contractor and another contractor working on rural addressing piece, which is addressing all structures and homes across the Navajo Nation, there are some chapters on the Navajo Reservation that have ARPA funding for rural addressing, for example: Sawmill – they are on their way doing rural addressing project for the chapter, we provided them with a presentation, reach out if they need help, a ARPA funding – approved, all contracts in place for this project, a company called SDR – Spital Data Research, they are doing all the rural addressing on the Navajo Nation, they come from Kansas and they do rural addressing across the United States and help other tribes including Canada with rural addressing, this project – to get Next Generation 911 call services on the Navajo Reservation, we need physical addresses for every person or any structure across the Navajo Nation, 1st phase is getting all rural addressing done, 2nd phase is to consolidate a 911 call centers in Shiprock and in Kayenta, currently there are 7 call centers for Navajo Police Department across the reservation, consolidate to two call centers, it also includes Motorola, NTUA to get the fiber to network to the call centers so the system can work, we're working on rural addressing on 1st phase with Division Community Development (DCD), working with other entities like Federal and States sources, local communities to see what rural addressing they have done so far, we're working with Colorado, Utah and Arizona with any road maps, DOTs – states and Navajo DOT on roads and maps they have, any GIS data, geographical informational system data and creating one data base with layers for creating physical addresses, we are reaching out to all chapters, some chapters don't need help from us like Alamo and they are in the last phase putting up road signs, up to the chapters if they want us to rural address their area and will need a resolution for us to go in there to rural address the area, what happens in the field mapping, a couple of vehicles that come to your site, we will have a kick off meeting with the chapter and CLUPC members and chapter leadership to share more in depth as to what will happen when we do field mapping, we started with these chapters – Upper Fruitland, Leuppe, Navajo Mountain, Inscription House, a timeline for Upper Fruitland and it took SDR about 6 days to get done, the field map took 6 days to get all addresses made, a vehicle goes out and we take our own Navajo folks who come out of Black Mesa and they do utility mapping all these years, they are doing the address mapping, a vehicle comes out, drives all the roads, mark every location – houses, map out place of interests, for example: a windmill in my community, any structures you have common with the community, the field addressing team will mark that for emergency services, every home, any NHA housing, schools and everything will get mapped, we don't get out of our vehicles or talk to the community members, we don't ask for information, at the kick off we will ask if there's community member who can drive with them who knows the community to map out the community, for the future and for 911 mark a common location for all who know or have a physical address, SDR takes the data and they field verify the correct location, when they cannot access a location they will return to the location to map when someone is home, when they get all the points from the GPS and will assign an address to those data points whether it's a house, windmill, school or chapter house and give that address an assignment, they will run it through QAQC, once completed they will submit for road sign and address notification, Upper Fruitland - they are finalizing the addresses, getting ready to send out to the United States Postal Services, also to Google Maps to update their map on the internet, sometime next year Upper Fruitland and other chapters who have completed this project will have their addresses in Google Maps, two person teams of people working during the day, we don't have people knocking on the doors, we have information to people who approach us, how we address things, Next Generation 911, how we address locations – any roads that come off 491- right side will have even number for the house, left side of 491 will be an odd number for the house, website is addressnavajo.org, there's an interactive map that shows you the map of the Navajo Nation and all the chapters on the Navajo Nation, you can see who the team members are, the SDR is a sub-contractor, Region 1 – Upper Fruitland, New Mexico area, Region 2 – Central Navajo, two vehicles in the Western Region, we would like the chapter support; *Elvis Bitsilly – I found the

PowerPoint; ***Tyler Frazier** – I will send you the updated PowerPoint; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we have 4 CLUPC members and Chapter President, Sonny Moore; ***Tyler Frazier** – Division of Community Development has a rural addressing office, working with MC Baldwin and is a part of QAQC, what we're doing lines up with what the Navajo Nation is doing with Division of Community Development, not sure how far you guys are on Rural Addressing, close to your region we done Sheep Springs and Newcomb, Kick off meeting with SDR who does the GIS mapping; ***Fern Spencer** – you talked about MC Baldwin, we asked him to come to our meeting and he never did, you're doing his work, I'm grateful you're doing this and hopefully we can use you, your company, we've been waiting for a long time, it goes from the tribe to the city and it goes back and forth, nothing gets done, I'm glad Elvis got in touch with you to start on this, we're fortunate you do this and we can use you, thank you; ***Tyler Frazier** – we've had challenges with him, he's not overseeing this project, we're being led by Leonard Redhorse, the Deputy Chief of the Navajo Police Department, MC is only there for the QAQC, the project is ARPA funding, we need a support resolution to work with you guys; ***Fern Spencer** – we do need this 911 call, ambulance services came from Crownpoint, this is something we need, we don't go to the house and ask how many people are in the house; ***Sonny Moore** – Mr. Frazier and CLUPC members, Happy Holidays, how is the \$35 million is being handled, chapters gets what is happening in Window Rock, based on what I've been hearing, I assumed someone was being contracted out to begin this rural addressing, its been on the table for many years, what happening with technology today we can get something done, what I'm asking priority from you and your team, Shiprock getting their Safety Complex built first then I'm thinking Tohatchi will be the next one, have rural addressing in place as well as setting up for 911 emergency, I'm going to ask the CLUPC here to think about, tomorrow is the chapter meeting and have CLUPC draft a resolution if there's a template and get it introduce tomorrow and get it approved by the community so we can get that information to your office, I'm glad people are using ARPA money for this, count us in as far as being participants, we are under an audit, we completed all the corrective action plan items, we are waiting on the auditors to come back and do another 6 month review, there's a potential our chapter to become certified; ***Tyler Frazier** – Elvis do you have the draft resolution template; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – yes I do have it; ***Tyler Frazier** – varies with chapters, when we met with Navajo Mountain and they use the template, got it approved and we got it done in 5 days, the main driver for this project is Division of Public Safety – increase 911 calling and bring in the state of art 911 call system, they can't do that without addresses, we have to go through DCD to finalize the work to their standards; ***Pernell Halona** – I understand the ARPA funding, will this include the signage and labor for those who will put up the signs; ***Tyler Frazier** – road signs are part of the contract for SDR, looking at road signage and address location which go hand in hand, Upper Fruitland – some roads don't have names, they will give it to the chapter and chapter can give the road names; ***Pernell Halona** – concern about the road signs; ***Tyler Frazier** – at the kick off we will address all this information; ***Pernell Halona** – Mr. Baldwin had a lot information from this chapter, are you using some of the information he gathered from this chapter; ***Tyler Frazier** – we are using some of the information he provided, some NDOT information, McKinley County, and State where there are drawings, add to the layers we have; ***Pernell Halona** – Baldwin was wanting to get the people's names, you're saying you only want the road information; ***Tyler Frazier** – there's regulation with people information; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – any other questions from CLUPC member, we will get a resolution tomorrow and submit to the chapter at meeting tomorrow; ***Tyler Frazier** – send it to Shirleen, we will setup a kick off meeting with the chapter and work with you, Elvis to setup a date for kick off meeting and go through all the details, they will need feedback from you guys if there's any structures to map that everyone knows; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – update on Stephanie, what is her role; ***Tyler Frazier** – Shirleen Jumbo-Rintila, works with SDR, her role is to engage with the chapters, a community liaison between SDR and the chapters for this project and moving the project forward, presenting to chapters and letting them know about this project, any questions present to her from the chapters, covering all across Navajo Nation; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – will you be helping us with the process?; ***Tyler Frazier** – yes I will continue to work with you, if you need to talk to me you can contact me, I'm here until the project is completed; ***Sonny Moore** – company name; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – what does SDR stand for; ***Tyler Frazier** – Spital Data Research out of Lawrance, Kansas, they won the contract for this project, Motorola will be the call routing, AG Solutions doing all the building itself, NTUA to do the fiber network, SDR doing the rural addressing; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – you are affiliating with them; ***Tyler Frazier** - MTM Solutions is out of Farmington, did a pilot project for 911 and it was successful, they got a real project going, MTM Solutions did the feasibility study two years ago and won that contract, since these are ARPA dollars, MTM Solutions doesn't have project management certification, my company is project management certified, we provide

project management services start to finish; MTM didn't have that to be part of ARPA, they reached out to us to put a bid in, we're a sub-contractor under MTM but we're providing that expertise in project management; *Elvis Bitsilly – ARPA funding is due 2026, are we anticipating you guys to get this done by the deadline or sooner, what's the timeline; *Tyler Frazier – we got the project back in May or June, we wrote the RFPs, we got all the contracts, original deadline to get the ARPA funding in place was at the end August, now moved to December 30th, funds of the ARPA project had to be committed or locked in or allocated, right now this project is \$35 million was budgeted and we're at \$34,700,000 million and \$14,000 shy in meeting our budget, and now we're locked in all the contracts and contracts are in place, contracts when through the 164 B process, went through the Controller office, all the contractors – SDR, Motorola, AG Solutions, PR – Allison Media, Navajo owned company, there are 9 contracts in place under ARPA, President Nygren wanted to take this \$35 million to go to Broadband but we are further invested in this project than President thought, and they told us to continue with the project, building is in design for the 911 building, buildings could be put up in Shiprock and Kayenta, the latest July of next year, Motorola who is doing all the call routing, equipment for the radio for the police department will kick off in January, our focus in on the rural addressing, once Motorola gets everything in place by August or September, we can start uploading the data in the Motorola system and start testing the data center out, our end date is August 30, 2026 to make first 911 call, that is our goal as a project team, early next year we will test addresses for orders from Amazon, test Google maps, project moving forward, the more chapter support the better; *Elvis Bitsilly – thank you; *Tyler Frazier – go to the website, will have quarterly project updates with stakeholders, in January we are going to submit our first community updates, send out a Zoom link for everyone who wants to listen at the roundtable; *Elvis Bitsilly – we want this done at Tohatchi, I have the template resolution and present at chapter meeting tomorrow, this is a whole new project, it's fully funded by ARPA.

B. Tohatchi IHS Clinic Management – not available

C. SWCD-Soil & Water Conservation District – not available

D. Red Willow Farm Board – not available

VII. Resolutions: none

VIII. Announcements: Tohatchi Community Dinner, December 20, 2024, 12:00 pm

IX. Next Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @9am-12n Tohatchi Chapter

X. Adjournment/ Time: 11: 18 am

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