

# THE NAVAJO NATION

## TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## **AGENDA**

Tuesday November 19, 2024 @ 9am-12n Tohatchi Chapter

I.	Call to Order: Time:Roll Call: Invocation:						
II.	Introduction of Guests:	#W 25 AM 314					
III.	Approval of Agenda:						
IV.	Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2024						
٧.	Old Business:						
VI.	<ul> <li>A. Tohatchi Community Land Use Plan- Reschedule work session w/DCD Senior Planner</li> <li>B. Tohatchi Chapter Projects-President Sonny Moore</li> <li>C. 1 CLUPC vacant position- advertise, letter of interest.</li> <li>New Business:</li> <li>A. Nominate and select new CLUPC Vice President.</li> <li>B. Aero Tech LLC, Tyler Frazier / Rural Addressing/Other</li> <li>C. SWCD-Soil &amp; Water Conservation District</li> </ul>						
	D. Red Willow Farm Board						
VII.	Resolutions: none						
VIII.	Announcements:						
IX.	Next Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 9am-12n Tohatchi Chapter						
Χ.	Adjournment/ Time:						





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# TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2024

1.	Call to Order: Time:	9:25 am	Roll Call:	4	Invocation:	Sonny Moore	

II. Introduction of Guests:

III. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to accept: Fern Spencer

2<sup>nd</sup>: Pernell Halona

Vote: 3-0-1

IV. Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2024

Motion to accept and read on your own: Pernell Halona 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fern Spencer Vote: 3-0-1

V. Old Business:

A. Tohatchi Community Land Use Plan-Reschedule work session w/DCD Senior Planner

\*Elvis Bitsilly – I did submit an email request to LaTasha when we possibly could meet with her in Window Rock, we talked about it at our Work Session with the group, we hope to hear back from her, we'll see what dates and times she may offer us, we're still on schedule no matter what and working with the departments, we may have to schedule a tentative work session in December or stick to our regular CLUPC meeting, if she gives us a date we'll schedule it as a work session with her in Window Rock between now and December 17th meeting; \*Pernell Halona – did you contact her?; \*Elvis Bitsilly – I did email her yesterday and she responded to my email saying she won't be here this morning, I responded asking for a meeting date and time and haven't hear back from her; **\*Fern Spencer** – she alluded to follow what I gave you; **\*Elvis Bitsilly** – I gave you all the information, gave you the template, the handout and you guys follow it, do it on your own; \*Fern Spencer – you asked her for the other material, she needs to give that to us, too; \*Elvis Bitsilly – she did say she was going to give us those copies when she returned and hoping it was today, to be here today to do a quick presentation, hopefully she gets those documents to us or one of us has to go get it; \*Fern Spencer – who is her boss; \*Elvis Bitsilly - Arbin Mitchell, everyone has their own agenda, I request everyone to work on their sections, assign Pernell his sections; \*Fern Spencer – let's wait until we get to New Business; \*Elvis Bitsilly – we'll give you some sections and you give your input, I would like to hear from you guys – what do you want to do, what do we need to do, we wanted someone to gives us some directive and we got some of that information, that individual isn't following through so we can continue, the other thing is hiring a planner through the chapter and it doesn't look like it will happen, if it was it won't happen until next year, we don't have until next year to do that and it will be very costly, we decided to see what Division Community Development can offer us, they have a Senior Planner who does this work and we'll go with her and use her assistance to get the recertification approved by RDC, I'm anticipating by Spring, I think we can get it done by then, all we need to do is tweak the plan, come together and say yay or nay, present to the community at a Public Hearing, then a second Public Hearing, follow the guidelines they handed out to us, that's what we'll follow, we have other presenters like Mr. Frazier to wants to attend our meeting, when can I come and would like to do this presentation, I offered today's meeting, he said he has something else and it changes everything, I do my best to get presenters here; \*Pernell Halona – who is Tyler Frazier?; \*Elvis Bitsilly - Rural Addressing & Next Gen911 for all Dine - PowerPoint, his business Aerotech, the chapter and CLUPC would be interested in this, we have to tackle this Rural Addressing for Tohatchi; \*Fern Spencer – is he recognized by the Tribe, recognized by the state of New Mexico and Arizona to do this, we keep bumping into, it's our territory, it's their territory, it goes back and forth, it's never going to get done, with this 911, what we're trying to do with the building down there, we need to get that in place, and we need a police force, EMTs, hopefully this person has done his research involving all these people that shut us down, nothing can happen until the Tribe says okay let's go and do it, has he made presentations to other chapters; \*Elvis Bitsilly - yes he did say that with the message I got, I haven't speak to him in person, communicate through texts, he has done other chapters mainly in Arizona, he was at Navajo Mountain, he is working his way around, he chose Tohatchi Chapter with CLUPC and at Tohatchi Planning Meeting; \*Fern Spencer – will this involve District 14?; \*Elvis Bitsilly – just Tohatchi chapter, District 14 Chapters have their own agenda and Rural Addressing, we have our own Rural Addressing we need to do and follow up with, I don't know where the Rural Addressing funding is at, that's where the chapter comes in and where they are at with their communication with the Navajo Nation and the funding from ARPA, funding was approved by the 24th Counsel, a lot of chapters don't have rural addressing and haven't start, our chapter does have rural addressing since 2011, we have information and surveys from that time, he can format it all and give us direction, there's a resolution template for the chapter; \*Fern Spencer - Sonny, is he going to give a presentation at the chapter; \*Sonny Moore – the Navajo Nation has \$35 million for Rural Addressing and given to the Department of Public Safety, the guy in charge is Redhorse, they started the process of hiring different vendors, talking about big dollars, late Ben Shelly, President of the Navajo Nation, the Regulatory Commission worked on 911, just when they were going to implement the plan, Ben Shelly took that money and gave it to Public Safety, the Regulatory Commission no longer in charge, during that time they hired vendors from Texas and all over the United States, there were huge bills - invoices, nothing ever became of it, don't know where the money went, now we're doing the same thing with the same person, the same person at that time was in charge of Public Safety who is Redhorse, I don't know how he is affiliated with all of that or is he independent doing his own thing, each time the chapter, they know where people live, they always come to a stumbling block for us, just like what happened with us at Tohatchi, when MC Hammer comes in here, it's up to you now, find someone to go out to each of these homes, that's where we get stuck because we don't have the funds to hire somebody to go out to there, now we have another individual who is talking about the same thing, how does that work with the Navajo Nation has plans for us; \*Elvis Bitsilly he seems to be a potential vendor to do this work for the Navajo Nation, tap into the 35 million; \*Fern Spencer – the 35 million is gone; \*Elvis Bitsilly - money is still there; \*Sonny Moore – it was assigned to the Division of Public Safety, that's where Captain Redhorse is in charge of it, he will make all the plans for the 110 chapters; \*Elvis Bitsilly – so we as a chapter, we need to initiate that and tap into that opportunity to hire to do this Rural Addressing, I think that's the process they are looking at, so they can utilize the 35 million and each chapter has to initiate that, are they ready for it, do they have it, we have it as a chapter and we're ongoing with that, we can feed that information to this individual, I don't know like Mr. Moore said, who is responsible for this Rural Addressing funding and we need to bring them in to find out what is going on, who can we contact and see what's happening.

#### **B.** Tohatchi Chapter Projects-President Sonny Moore

\*Sonny Moore – things associated with our chapter, schools and community, did you guys get the article by Rep. Stansbury – creating partnerships with our universities for health care providers services, creating internships with our students to get into the medical field, doing that through the University of New Mexico, I'm interested in talking to Theresa Ledger Fernadez and Melanie Stansbury, how are they going to create these partnerships with Indian Health Services, I'm thinking about the Career Pathways we have with our high schools, I would be the one to start talking to these people, see if Mckinley County Schools or other schools in our area are involved and need to do the same thing for teachers, not enough teachers, how can we create partnerships with Arizona State and they done that for Dine College, another thing I got - memo from Dwayne Waseta is the Department Manager at DCD and works with Arbin Mitchell, the memo says to notify you as the lead agent for the Shiprock Chapter Incident Demand Center, they will build the complex up there, the subject on the memorandum is about the Tohatchi Public Safety Complex, it conflicts on what he is saying, the attachment which requests for a IGA – Intergovernmental Agreement – contract between the Navajo Nation and the State of New Mexico, attachment is about the Tohatchi Complex designating \$990,000, Waseta is talking about the Shiprock Complex but he has the IGA for Tohatchi, I'm wondering which one is which, it needs to be questioned, I know there was \$990,000 for our Safety Complex here, now that we have contracts that have been made for land corporation, architect, general contractor is CORE, their contracts are going through the 164 process, yes they need this money to pay for those services, a step in the right direction to keep moving on the Public Complex that we have planned, if all of this goes through soon, November, December, maybe around February we should have some designs on this Complex, our Council Delegate during the last Law and Order Committee meeting down in Many Farms, he didn't get the vote to move Tohatchi from #14 into the top 5, he made a motion and didn't get a second, his motion died in the Law and Order Committee, Arviso and Delegate from Dilcon want their own Complex and that's why they didn't second, this is going to dictate who should be in the top 5, I'm not worried about that because once we hire these people and they produce a plan, they can't say you're going to have to wait, the design and plan is something other communities can use as a template, it will save the Nation money, the same architect will be asking for money each time and that's not our problem, these money will goes towards the architect and general contractor, their contracts are in the mail over there, we're moving it's a matter of time and it will get approved, you all know about IGA, when we call Window Rock it's always a dollar figure on paper, IGA is produced and they are requesting, the state says we are spending some money, Navajo Nation spends this money they put their money up front, when all done then they ask for reimbursement from the state, if you get this far with IGA, the money is in there on a piece of paper, now we're going to spend it, don't let anyone tell you we're not doing anything, sometimes it is reported to the Senator that money you gave to Tohatchi Chapter isn't being spent, that's not true, we are spending that money; \*Fern **Spencer** – with the article you're talking about, is it Shiprock or really us they spoke about – Tohatchi; \*Sonny Moore – it's not a article, it's a memorandum, an article on Indian Health Services creating internships, subject is Tohatchi Safety Complex, memo starts off with saying you're the lead agent and talking to Delores Greyeyes as the lead agent for the Shiprock Chapter Incident Command Center Construction Project, it conflicts on the whole thing, assigning that Shiprock project to Delores Greyeyes and needs to be clarified; \*Fern Spencer – you talked about internships at schools or businesses, CCT our program - took students to Gallup, question - will we have the jobs to teach the students in Ag, Welding and Vocational classes to lead to a career, they said yes, slowly they took away and it's all in Gallup, Tohatchi is a Business Tech, Miyamura has Engineering, Business and they have 4 things at their school, our old school doesn't have enough students because it's going to Miyamura and going to facilities at UNM is offering under that agreement, which is a good, we made sure those kids were CCT students who can perform, made sure they had the grades here and they knew what they were doing instead of having to reteach and that's what they were doing, they retaught those kids there, English and Math they had to reteach, former students work at different businesses and at Amigo I was talking to the guy and he was saying, they don't know where certain things should be in changing a tire because they haven't been taught that, in Tohatchi we taught auto mechanics, it's a good program and students are benefiting from it, the coaches have to change their practice times because their players are in school in Gallup programs, wait for them to get back to have practice, they have to have kids who are interested in the programs and not push them in there, what I don't like is those kids who don't go to school at Tohatchi but are recognized as Tohatchi students, when it comes to graduation, their people are figured top 10, the ones we have here who have gone to school here for four years get pushed out of the top 10 because you're looking at these kids that are residences of Tohatchi but they're in there and get top 10, right now there's a gal who is from Twin Lakes, she's number one in both schools, either they count those schools as one, it's a good program but we're losing our kids, parents don't say anything, some schools don't have enough teachers, they are putting 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders together and that poor teacher is overwhelmed, same for the Special Ed Department, Special Ed Department is with a different company, right?, it's not with Gallup, Special needs are taught a skill to survive, here at Tohatchi we don't have enough teachers, a good teacher is leaving at end of the semester, when reports come to you guys it says yeah we have all the teachers, we're doing this, they are not here, other night they had VPA induction here at Tohatchi, how many other schools in Gallup McKinley County that are supposed to have these groups, all under New Mexico Activities Association, VPA Skills USA. Home Economics and it's part of their education, I'm glad they are keeping VPA here, I think Miyamura has Skills USA and they are national contests, students from the high school use to go to the elementary school to read to them, Kevin Capitan, he is in that program at UNM, they need to look at the kids interest; \*Sonny Moore - find someone who will be a voice, we need medical students and teachers, how do we get involve; \*Fern Spencer – I missed the Yazzie/Martinez presentation last night; \*Sonny Moore – I went to the last

presentation and there's no progress from the State of New Mexico, the lawsuit is giving money to building the new High School and nothing happening in the classroom, the lawsuit says if you change and improve the quality of teaching in the classroom, it's not happening, last week I went to Window Rock three times and last Friday I was there for the recount, we recounted using the machine and by hand - manual, one poll judge had to be there, one election board member was there, it ended up after the absentees votes were recounted, Lee Rodgers won the election by four votes, you will see the official results by Friday, yesterday I was in there with the staff, they showed me a document stating we'll be voting again on December 10th, for those people who filed their grievance and was overturned by the Election Board, if you didn't appeal you're name wasn't going to be on there and I didn't see a President position for Tohatchi, it will not be on the ballot, we will be minus a President come January, will have a Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Grazing Officer, Farm Board; \*Elvis Bitsilly - showed Fort Defiance Agency election PowerPoint Resolution, information conflicting, it tells you what their stand is on it, here are the chapters (showing list from the PowerPoint), these chapters will be having Elections for the positions, these positions someone filed their grievance, the grievance was either approved or expired, example: Coyote Canyon – Grazing Committee Member, that person was disqualified from the Primary, now that person is back in, these positions were voted on during the Primary, November 5th General these positions were eliminated because they were disqualified due to expense file report; \*Sonny Moore - send the report to us; \*Elvis Bitsilly - reading from the document from PowerPoint regarding the November 5 disqualifications; \*Fern Spencer – does that mean we won't have a President the next four years; \*Pernell Halona – we will have a special election, March; \*Fern Spencer – that will be when; \*Elvis Bitsilly – after January, March; \*Sonny Moore – I figure they will open it back up, we will be voting on a President, unless it says in the law you can hold a special meeting and elect a President, is that possible; \*Pernell Halona - no, it has to be universal with all the chapters; \*Fern Spencer - since you are President, will you continue until the election in March; \*Pernell Halona - no; \*Sonny Moore - look at Title 26 or community votes for a pro temp; \*Pernell Halona - you will have to vote on a Pro Temp President for each meeting; \*Sonny Moore – it doesn't say the existing President can go on; \*Fern Spencer - it has to be someone who is knowledgeable of what's going on in the chapter; \*Elvis Bitsilly - Vice President will presiding meetings after January, beginning February, she will be running our meetings for our chapter until a President is elected, in Title 26 it says you're Vice President, if the President is not available the Vice President will be presiding over the chapter, until we appoint or elect a President; \*Fern Spencer – someone might come and nominate her for President; \*Elvis Bitsilly – no, she's official VP, President position is vacate, community will determine who they want to select, those individuals who are disqualified are disqualified and not returning, if they were returning they would be on this list as chapter, this list is not complete, there are more chapters that have positions, I counted at least 50, there are 90 chapters that still have to fill a vacate position and it includes Tohatchi, the Navajo Nation Council and Election Administration has to allocate money, special election, December 10 election does have funding, December 10 is the election for the Council Delegate at Houck; \*Sonny Moore – there are people in this room who can run for President, I was concerned about the people who are getting the wells drilled, some don't have permanent power, finding their homesite lease, I learned if you're a ARPA recipient, the grazing officer or someone who has knowledge to use GPS can come up with a homesite lease then you can use that to get a homesite lease, I'm dealing with Vince Natonabah, Pamela Dennison, Charlene Manuelito, trying to get their applications approved, NTUA says you need a homesite lease, I don't want the well to be drilled and sit there, be contaminated and will be a waste of money, money is being returned from ARPA, let's drill more wells, we submitted our capital projects, Governor Grisham would like 3 shovel ready projects, there's the warehouse – short of \$500,000, the safety complex – apply with TIFF \$3-4 million, State of New Mexico gave Shiprock \$12 million, highway lighting \$3 million, submitted last Friday to Arbin Mitchell, chapter meeting tomorrow will have it on the agenda, we don't want Fleet Management here at the old Chevron station and we want a business, virtual meeting approved and DOJ says they need a resolution, I will hand this out at the meeting, let's read it, I'll ask for a motion and a second to approve this policy to have teleconference meetings; \*Elvis Bitsilly – one thing on virtual meeting is the chapter secretary has to count and verify those on line, does that mean that individual has to be here physically, who will verify the person calling in, they have to identify the person calling and verify the person is a member of the chapter, only for

voting purposes, those who are listening only, do they have to identify themselves – who are you, your number is showing online or are they required to identify themselves, what will chapter do if the person listening doesn't identify themselves, during Covid this is what we did for chapter meetings and that's what I did since I worked for Halona - LDA, chapters wanted to know who you are when you're online for their meetings, planning meetings is open and a chapter meeting you will have to identify yourself or identify the caller, that's the legislation in the template, secretary will document the caller; \*Sonny Moore secretary/treasurer will verify the caller at the beginning of the meeting, there are different ways to verify a caller online, voice recognition, may sure the people online are registered voters for Tohatchi, I will go through the policy, if you want to change the policy, let's say you want all the officials in person, you make that change, it will go to DOJ, community says it's okay for the officials to be out or be here and it will be discussed at the chapter meeting tomorrow, I took out Red Willow and made it general, making an amendment to Resolution 033-04-2024 and only asked for utility expenses, expand and ask for more expenses to be included in the Unhealthy Food Tax – we want to add Repair and Maintenance of construction equipment, Diesel Fuel and Rental; \*Elvis Bitsilly - is that going to be for the chapter or the farm, there's going to be a discrepancy to me, are you including the chapter maintenance and repair, the Unhealthy is for Agricultural meaning farm equipment – tractor, chapter has their own expenses for chapter maintenance and repair, are you going to include the chapter for the Unhealthy Food because it doesn't apply to that; \*Sonny Moore – example: when you asked the grader to go down to the farm we did it as an in kind per your request, if we add a line item in here and go down to fuel up, send grader down and we can charge that fuel expenditure to the Unhealthy Food Tax because it's for the farm, if the farm equipment breaks down, tractor needs maintenance and take to Farmington, we can go back to the Unhealthy Food Tax and use that repair and maintenance, pay out of there and not the chapter, I'll send you the resolution and review, I'll send you; \*Fern Spencer – resolution says to amend; \*Elvis Bitsilly – he said he took it out; \*Fern Spencer – it says in the agenda; \*Sonny Moore – it says is on the agenda and we're talking about the resolution; \*Elvis Bitsilly - he is saying he took out Red Willow and made it a broad resolution, I can see his point when we ask to use the grader or backhoe for 2-3 hours at Red Willow, we were using it as in kind work from the chapter, yes they utilize the fuel, if they want to charge a full tank of gas out of the Unhealthy Food Tax and it's up to the chapter, we don't ask for the grader weekly or monthly, it's once in a great while, if they are going to tap into the Unhealthy stuff for other purposes, DOJ might catch that or whoever reviews that, I don't see a problem with it; \*Delphine Bitsilly – why does everything go through DOJ, they need to get rid of that and projects run smoothly; \*Elvis Bitsilly – I agree to that; \*Fern Spencer – if we ever get certified; \*Sonny Moore – when you're certified we can have your own attorney for all 5 chapters and run stuff through him or her, open up the resolution; \*Elvis Bitsilly – the Unhealthy Food Tax dollars doesn't specifically state any of those reasons or items in the legislation, I'm assuming the chapter has to go to DOJ to verify that to see if they are in compliance, it's up to the chapter to utilize the money, it doesn't have to go to Window Rock, the community supports it and okay it, that's what the money is for, reading the resolution for the Unhealthy Food Tax; \*Sonny Moore – added more line items add more language at bottom, when you read it I want you to answer that question, are you sure they will understand it to say farm, I did mention Red Willow Farm; \*Elvis Bitsilly – it shows on #7 and #4 and he is reading it, is it for the farm tractor or grader or backhoe #5; \*Sonny Moore - it's for the tractor - farm; \*Elvis Bitsilly - maybe it can go under Rental, we have to rent the chapter equipment, guidelines – any community member who rents the chapter grader or backhoe, we as the Farm Board don't need to do that, we use it as in kind; \*Sonny Moore – let's say you want to rent a water pump for the farm, we can go to Home Depot and rent a water pump, let's say you didn't have the augur for the farm tractor, you go out to rent one, let's say to go and rent a mower to cut the weeds, go to Home Depot and rent it, that's why I put Rental in there, I'll be specific and say farm tractor in there, I see your point and it seems like we're talking about both kinds of equipment; \*Elvis Bitsilly - you're talking about #5, you're talking about chapter, it says road grading and backhoe, we don't have road grading, projects assigned to CLUPC - 1-Professional Housing, 2-Community Commercial Development along 491, 3- former Navajo Nation Oil and Gas, 4 to 10, they've been switched around as things have moved on, we have multipurpose building, Halona Canyon, align bridge replacement, land certification, bike trail, Nakai Park is ongoing with the chapter, community cleanup, Veterans Park isn't

on there, here are the other projects - Dam Rehabilitation - Chuska Lake Dam, Rehabilitation is the Eradication project of Russian Olive, roads - 15 miles, Tosidoh is on pause; Rural Addressing, Public Safety, Senior Center – to build a new one, locate property and on pause and working on to reopen, public safety isn't on there but we do know it's priority, Warehouse and Highway 491 Lighting, Economic Development are advertising for 2 business sites, Resolution for Petroleum and get it reopen, what is Veterans going to do with their property or designated area, we have the documents here for that; \*Fern Spencer - is Manuel Shirleson still the President, do you attend their meetings as to what they do, it was sad they didn't do anything for Veterans Day; \*Sonny Moore - I attended their meeting on Saturday, meeting was canceled because Laris had a hearing of some sort, and they backed out from their meeting last Saturday; \*Elvis Bitsilly - back to Rural Addressing - Tyler Frazier is working on Navajo, list of Chapters, Coyote Canyon is on the list, everyone else is in Arizona, Tohatchi is in yellow and not started; \*Fern Spencer – those chapters he is working with, how much work has he done; \*Elvis Bitsilly - I don't know and he was supposed to tell us, he was going to start with us, these are the steps he is following with Rural Addressing; \*Fern Spencer - who is the President at Becenti, maybe we can ask them how it is going with them, Rita is at Crownpoint, it will be great if he works with us; \*Sonny Moore - where is he getting his money from; \*Elvis Bitsilly - I'm sure he was hired as an consultant, he has worked with Upper Fruitland Chapter and has shown an example of what they done so far, they provide everything and have a GPS vehicle that does the points and does the work; \*Fern Spencer – funds come from the chapter; \*Elvis Bitsilly – I don't think so; \*Sonny Moore – we need to get him here; \*Fern Spencer - who is the President over there, barrel racer, Lee; \*Elvis Bitsilly - we have little information on rural addressing in our overall Land Use Plan, this needs to happen right away and funding will go away 2026; \*Fern Spencer - Coyote Canyon never said anything about how they are doing this; \*Elvis Bitsilly - District 14 Council meeting should talk about it; \*Pernell Halona - I don't think Coyote Canyon has a CLUPC; \*Elvis Bitsilly -- it's conflicting if he has this work and those chapters should have a CLUPC establish, how could he do anything with them without a committee, you can't directly work with the chapter; \*Sonny Moore - some chapters don't have a CLUPC; \*Pernell Halona - I don't know how Rural addressing works, I did it in the Tohatchi area, I gave it to Larson Manuelito who was Chapter President at the time, turned it in with maps and a packet - booklet, took me 3 months, hire people to get the information; \*Sonny Moore - there have been different people who have gathered information, it didn't go anywhere with MC Baldwin; \*Fern Spencer – Larson Manuelito was CLUPC President, continuity of projects.

#### C. 1 CLUPC vacant position- advertise, letter of interest.

\*Sonny Moore - they tell me in the office, it's been advertised, I haven't seen or heard anything, I will have to readvertised, I have one applicant – Priscilla Duncan, it must be confirmed with a resolution, the position will be open for two weeks, you guys can give me your recommendations.

#### VI. New Business:

#### A. Nominate and select new CLUPC Vice President.

\*Elvis Bitsilly – two vacancies, a Vice President vacancy is open; \*Fern Spencer – I nominate Pernell, he has the knowledge on politics of the Navajo Tribe, motion to close by Delphine; \*Pernell Halona – accepts nomination; Vote: 3-0-1; \*Elvis Bitsilly – welcome and congratulations.

#### B. Aero Tech LLC, Tyler Frazier / Rural Addressing/Other

\*Elvis Bitsilly – reviewed Rural Addressing PowerPoint, reschedule Tyler Frazier, I'll schedule him back for our December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting; \*Fern Spencer – I will call the 3 individuals; \*Elvis Bitsilly – meet with Flora Nez before next CLUPC meeting December 17, 2024, I might put them back on the agenda for our December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, she was going to follow up on the resolution on Navajo Petroleum at meeting tomorrow requested by Leonard Francisco, follow up on the business sites as well, Business Development for our Professional housing is a continuance and who are the potential vendors - builders, I have no contacts with anyone, start building on the old BIA tract of land; \*Fern Spencer – when do we hear from Leonard about the two business sites; \*Elvis Bitsilly – after the two advertisements have been sent out, I haven't seen anything in the advertisement and not sure if they did anything, he said he was going to start on it a month ago, if there are any potential bidders he will start working with us; \*Sonny Moore – I'm reading an email from Dr. Greyeyes to Gina L. Tsosie, she submits the IGAs to the State of New Mexico, memo should state Tohatchi Public Substation; \*Elvis Bitsilly – who submitted that memo; \*Sonny Moore – Dr. Greyeyes; \*Elvis

Bitsilly - if it says substation - what is a substation, on Legislation we have Corrections Facility, everyone has different names on what we are trying to do here; \*Sonny Moore - there's First Responders, Command Centers and Safety Complex; \*Pernell Halona – in reality it's a Fire Station, adding on the paramedics; \*Sonny Moore – I want support for this because if we have a hard time with this complex, we will have a hard time hiring firefighters, it's on a volunteer bases, in Queen Creek, Arizona, their emphasis is to combine EMTs and Firefighters as one position, EMTs are the ones getting the calls and they can do both, on the Navajo Nation it's EMTs and Firefighters, I know in the past it's hard to hire Firefighters, most of the time it's on a volunteer bases, they should be permanent positions, when the subject comes up you can speak on combining those two positions for the Navajo Nation; \*Pernell Halona - they are separate entities, when we talked about it with the Police, the Fire Chief wanted to hire a permanent employee to run the station, McKinley County Fire Department to come out here with their fire trucks, provide the equipment, and run the fire station with one employee, and the rest as volunteers, EMTs located there at Safety Complex 24 hours a day, not sure how they set their schedule; \*Fern Spencer - is it legal for them to do that; \*Sonny Moore – it's not how they are setup right now, there could be cost savings, if there's permanent positions for Firefighters; \*Pernell Halona - in the long term, the building we looked at, I was going to have one section in there which is as big as this room to house the Veterans instead of building a separate building somewhere else, I was trying to get that building I saw at Twin Arrows, that size building we can use, have a substation, the Fire Chief to have a holding cell at the Safety Complex; \*Fern Spencer – holding cell in Kayenta; \*Elvis Bitsilly - once building is completed, the Nation will be the owner of the building, we don't own it, they can say who they want in there, as community we can say what we want; \*Pernell Halona - we can say what we want in the building; \*Sonny Moore - there's a discussion that took place and I support this, each one of those Fire Stations down there, they think of community, first they build their complex to fit their community, give a friendly atmosphere, they have a room designated for the community like the size of the meeting room and the community can have meetings, if the Veterans want to have a meeting down there they can use the facility, if CLUPC wanted to have a meeting down there and they can have it, the one at Twin Arrows is huge, we can keep those things in mind for the community; \*Fern Spencer - it would be nice for the schools to have a place to use for the people; \*Elvis Bitsilly – old resolution from 2022 for Navajo Nation Petroleum Gas Station; \*Fern Spencer - why did it close; \*Pernell Halona - not making money, 6 Navajo Petroleum Stations across the Navajo Nation and 2 are not making money and Tohatchi is one of them, \*Fern Spencer – it looked like it was always full, the tanks weren't vertical and should be horizontal, it was facing into the store, just move the tanks, people going to this store, it was worth going to the other store with variety of food even though it cost more; \*Elvis Bitsilly - pump stations; \*Pernell Halona – they told us they were going out of business, we told the people to give them business, get better food for us to get the people to their store, it's Richard Bowman's store; \*Sonny Moore - the lease expired, it's written in a way the children are unable to get their name on it, it's what I hear; \*Elvis Bitsilly – I have a copy of the resolution that was drafted in 22; \*Sonny Moore – we sent to Leonard Francisco when he was here; \*Fern Spencer – speaking of the Post Office, is there anyone going to clean up the Post Office, the trees; \*Sonny Moore - get PEP to cut the branches, I've made suggestions and it hasn't gone anywhere just like the sign over there to get repainted, we're a busy chapter; \* Fern Spencer - I mentioned it to the student council, it could be a project for you guys to do; \*Sonny Moore - the 180 loop to get people to clean up, even at the Health Center, problem with the rocks in front of the LDS church, somebody might run into the rocks; \*Pernell Halona - BIA owns the roads in Tohatchi, they should maintain it.

- C. SWCD-Soil & Water Conservation District not available
- D. Red Willow Farm Board not available
- VII. Resolutions: none
- VIII. Announcements: Red Willow Meeting today 1 pm, Tohatchi Chapter Meeting 11/19/24 @ 10 am
  - IX. Next Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ 9am-12n Tohatchi Chapter
  - X. Adjournment/ Time: 11:36 am

Recorder - Delphine Bitsilly
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