



THE NAVAJO NATION

TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 18, 2025

- I. Call to Order: Time: 9:18 am Roll Call: 5 Invocation: Delphine Bitsilly
- II. Introduction of Guests: Eulanda Thompson, Nathan Notah, Tyler Frazier – online, Cody Francis, Sonny Moore, Flora Nez, Laris Manuelito
- III. Approval of Agenda:
 - Motion to amend agenda and add Delegate Nathan Notah to Old Business B:**
 - Motion: Priscilla Duncan 2nd: Pernell Halona Vote: 4-0-1**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday January 21, 2025
 - Motion to read as is and read on your own:
 - Motion: Pernell Halona 2nd: Fern Spencer Vote: 4-0-1
- V. Old Business:
 - A. Rural Addressing/ Tohatchi Chapter/ Arrow Tek-Tyler Frazier
 - *Elvis Bitsilly – Tyler Frazier online, introductions from around the table, update report on Rural Addressing for Tohatchi Chapter; *Tyler Frazier – introduction of self, my company is Arrow Tek, approved in 2022 by prior administration, it came forefront with this administration and approved from the council, project is Rural Addressing Next Generation 911 project, allocated for public safety, my role in this project is doing the project management piece of the overall scope of the project, there are several contractors, slide presentation sent to Elvis, primary objective is to implement a Next Generation 911 call center, two 911 call centers on the Navajo Nation, in order for 911 to work we need rural addressing, addressing all the homes and structures on the Navajo Nation, wanted to know if Tohatchi wanted to be added to the list, the chapter agreed and are added to the list, there are several components - project lead which was awarded to MTM Solutions, one component they didn't have was the management piece to ensure the project was executed to project management standards and they reached out to my company, I'm a sub-contractor for MTM Solutions, 100% Navajo owned company, one component we will talk about is rural addressing, the scope done by a company called Spatial Data Research (SDR), they have several vehicles canvassing the Navajo Nation, SDR is doing the rural addressing, another component is consolidating all 911 call centers of the Navajo Nation in to two call centers, this is carried out by AG Solutions – a company out of Farmington – Navajo owned business and will be doing the consolidation, helping us build two 911 call centers, another company called Xybix doing all the ergonomic furniture and outfitting the building for us, another company called Convergent, a Navajo business, network switching from IT perspective once the building is up, other two components are Radio and Next Generation 911, Motorola kicked off in early January and their scope it to build the platform for the 911 dispatchers as far as the software they will see on the screen, making sure we have the right equipment and standardized equipment across the board for

all our dispatchers and emergency services, NTUA awarded the fiber optic for the 911 call centers, two call centers setup in Kayenta and Shiprock, currently going through the MOU process to get the land allocated for the call centers, my piece which is the project management – keeping the scopes going, making sure everyone knows of the end dates, tracking schedules, budgets and everything that goes with project management, two more contractors – AR Management Services – they are doing all our financial tracking, once the project is done there will be an audit, all documents are there and will be audit ready, there are federal dollars, public relations – Ellison Media & Marketing – they are doing all our public relations, a few companies in this project, I make sure things go as plan and meet the end date, the objective is to show transparency and showing progress to the community, this is a project for the Navajo people,

Next Gen 911 – what is that, Next Generation 911 call routing and it's Motorola's scope, when you call 911 – it rings outside the reservation, for example when you call 911 in Shiprock, it will ring in Farmington or Cortez, in the Western portion of the reservation it will ring in Winslow or Page, the scope from Motorola is to do the call routing, make sure the calls get routed to the right places, example last week – an individual in Whitecone called 911, got routed to Kayenta and are getting routed elsewhere, Motorola is making sure the interface is there with this system, Next Gen is based on addressing and GIS data, it's a satellite system, addresses that are loaded up, currently the date August 31, 2026 is to make the first 911 call is our goal on the Navajo Nation, it will ring in Shiprock or Kayenta, complete the rural addressing piece across the Navajo Nation, project timeline - deadline for funding is December 31, slide 14 - consolidate the call centers and currently there are seven dispatch centers, dispatch centers are doing their own thing and to combine to have two call centers – one eastern in Shiprock near the Central Consolidated Schools campus - and one western in Kayenta which will be east of the public safety area, we're working on the logistics, page 14 is how our call centers will be setup, 4 dispatchers will take care of an area, for example one will be setup to take care of the eastern region of the Shiprock area, southwest portion and southeast portion of the Navajo Nation, slide 18 – overview layout of the building, two building this size, slide 19 - what the room will look like, second portion – focus on rural addressing, we started out as a pilot project in September in the northern chapters, started in Upper Fruitland, approved and completed in 5 days, enough time for trucks and staff to go through all the roads in the Upper Fruitland community, trucks are marked with Address Navajo Rural Addressing, workers don't get out of their vehicles and don't knock on doors, they drive the roads and the trucks are outfitted with GPS, they will mark structures and houses, they address the houses and what the community wants, SDR contractor will have a regional meeting and will invite you with Mexican Springs and other chapters in your region to do one Kickoff, Susan Cunningham, SDR will do a region Kickoff between March and April, look at Upper Fruitland on Google Maps and the roads are being uploaded, each house has a number and houses currently are being uploaded to Google Map and is being updated in the National Addressing Data Base, prior administration passed a resolution, currently you guys are on the list with others in your area, Susan mentioned they will do a Kickoff with you guys, Mexican Springs, Twin Lakes, Coyote Canyon, Standing Rock, and Nahodishgish, the team will go through each area and take about 2-3 weeks, addressing moving quicker and capturing a lot of data, SDR has been focus on western and central regions, they will talk to us about how to do the work, I got clarification on the signage, signage is part of the project, project is buying the signage, SDR working with MC Baldwin, SDR going to buy a sign making machine and be there for future use, one thing the chapter will need to do is help SDR putting up the signs on the houses when the contract is over, the road signs SDR will take care of, Navajo Mountain looking at having their summer youth employment to put up the signs for the residences and the community, materials are covered and signs will be put up; *Pernell Halona – roads sign will be put up by SDR,

do we have to have labor for that; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Mr. Halona asked about the road signs, are they covered by you guys; ***Tyler Frazier** – Yes, road signs SDR will put up, placards available and ready for the houses and to work with MC Baldwin or the chapters to put up the signs; ***Pernell Halona** – question, you said March or April is that when they will be coming to the chapter to talk to us to see if we have all the roads labeled and is that when we get to decide; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – it's a Kickoff meeting; ***Pernell Halona** – it's a Kickoff meeting, I was interested in waiting to see what we'll be doing for Tohatchi Chapter, when we will get all the information to see what the road names will be or if they need to be put down, I'm waiting on that, I know you have to do your paperwork to get us through the system, take the information to the chapter meeting and decide what the road names will be; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Mr. Halona asked about the Kickoff startup meeting with the chapters you mentioned will be held in March or April, what about the road names, who is responsible for that, do we take care of that as a chapter; ***Tyler Frazier** – we're taking data from NNDOT and any road information, any GIS data, we're creating layers of a map, we will create our own map, we'll drive the roads, some roads are existing with county road numbers, we'll have Indian service road numbers, SDR working with MC Baldwin to figure out what the correct road numbers will be, when done addressing the roads and structures, we sit down with the chapter, sat down with Inscription House chapter for a day and a half, went through all the data, chapter officials and community came together, okay is this what you want the road name to be, Navajo names for the roads are a problem because the printer cannot print, English names are better, road names will come down to the chapter, they will sit down with you guys before they submit to Google and United States Postal Services and make sure you guys are in agreement with the road names, also to address a common windmill everyone knows, make it an addressable structure to help the emergency services to find the location, once all the data is taken there will be an input back from the chapter to show what they found, I'm working on a biweekly updates to the chapters, Rock Point requested a biweekly report on the project, who to send to; ***Fern Spencer** – MC Baldwin – how much input does that person have, he was supposed to help us, he doesn't help, he waits and we been waiting a long time for this project to kick off and it hasn't, how much input does he have with your program because when you came in with rural addressing, it's a headache when emergency services come out, knocking on your door asking where does so and so live; ***Tyler Frazier** – his involvement has been the quality insurance standpoint, at the end of this project it will go back to his office, we have to make sure the things we're doing is in alignment with his process and how they do things out of their office and have a smooth transition, how MC has been involved is from a QAQC standpoint, he's telling us will this acceptable for him to accept from his office, he's been receptive, we have about 28 chapters that are rural addressed and currently through the process of QAQC, he is buying off the addressing and make sure it's align with the Navajo Nation policies on how they are doing rural addressing, he's not directing the vehicles and not directing the folks out there who are taking the addresses down, we give him the data, he reviews it and whether he wants us to change the configuration and we'll change it, 28 chapters are going through quality review making sure data points are acceptable, are there any discrepancies like is there a road that has a county road number, work with the county to it outline, as of last week we have 71 resolutions supporting the rural addressing, some chapters are on their way like Alamo, most of the rural addressing is done, they are doing signage, I'm thinking we can get this done by the fall, the average time to address a community is seven days the most, more will be explained at Kickoff from SDR; ***Sonny Moore** – when we get to the point to install the signs on the homes, is your firm going to be the one to hire that individual or does the chapter have to come up with the money and personnel; ***Tyler Frazier** – the chapter, summer youth employment to put up the signs, need chapter effort; ***Sonny Moore** – Tohatchi CLUPC members are a

aggressive group, sometimes they have work sessions without asking for pay, keep them on top of the list and complete this project as soon as possible, thinking of the construction of the safety complex which in the plans right now and in the near future; ***Tyler Frazier** – who would be the contact person for biweekly updates and send me email addresses; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – yeah, that will be fine and cc Maria Allison our Coordinator for the chapter; ***Nathan Notah** – first time I've heard about your organization working with this project, I've been a Delegate going on two years, one thing we tried to tackle, not only from the district perspective but from individual chapters, Baldwin was working with these chapters prior to my coming in to office, like Ms. Spencer said we haven't had any movement forward, any progress of any nature relations to his efforts and his work, another person was involved from the Navajo Nation Police Department, his last name is Redhorse, first question – are you familiar with Deputy Redhorse, he was part of this project; ***Tyler Frazier** – yes, Deputy Chief Leonard Redhorse is our executive sponsor, he oversees the entire Navajo Public Safety, he is the decision maker for this project and we all report to him; ***Nathan Notah** – I would like to know and I'll be in touch with you, I'll have one of my assistants to get in touch with you, I need to know how you all are working together, who has what responsibilities, and in the end who will have the final responsibilities for the completion of this project, in history we were frustrated with Mr. Baldwin that the chapters in my district and at the district level we considered contracting this project out to McKinley County, they completed all of eastern agency, we got a lot of resistance from Baldwin and Leonard Redhorse, you made a comment on longevity of this project, you mentioned this will be turned back over to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Redhorse, what is it that you will be turning back over to them and you wanted a smooth transition as this project is moved back to them, I'm not too keen with that as a Council Delegate, I tried working with those individuals Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Redhorse, if you're contracted I'd like you folks to complete this project, the chapters can do a resolution from each chapter, we can do a district resolution, I want this project to be finished, if we turned this project back to those individuals I'm afraid it won't get completed and we're back at square one; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Delegate Notah mentioned, MC Baldwin's end of department hasn't done quite well with what they do, data collection when done will be turned over to MC Baldwin department for review then goes to, where does it go after that; ***Tyler Frazier** – the process is as each chapter is done, for example - Upper Fruitland was done, we addressed Upper Fruitland, we took it to Baldwin and he did a review, he sent to it the United Postal Services so they can upload it to National Addressing database and we sent it to Google, for all Navajo Nation chapters we will be doing that process, we will make sure we complete it to the end, our goal is to make sure every chapter has their data submitted to the National Addressing database and submitted to Google, and the United Postal Services, we are going to see the project to the very end, Baldwin will review and send to the United Postal Services, he hasn't kicked back anything and the reviews have been going okay, go to the Navajo website which will show progress, Facebook page we send out weekly; ***Nathan Notah** – the questions I asked entails my five chapters in my district; ***Cody Francis** – I'm a community member here in Tohatchi, besides the 911 and postal services addressing, will the addresses hold weight, variable by the government as far as the DMV and presenting the address, will it be used that way; ***Pernell Halona** – he wants to know if the addresses that will be given out will be available or use when you get your driver's license or social security; ***Tyler Frazier** – once data is uploaded to the National Addressing database and you will be able to go to the United States Postal Services website to validate the postal services have that rural address on file and you can type it in, you will find the address then you can work with the postal services to redirect your mail or make it a deliverable address, doing a test at Upper Fruitland when the project is done is to order something from Amazon and deliver to one of the homes there; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – let's get this completed.

B. Delegate Nathan Notah

***Nathan Notah** – updates on NM Legislation sessions in Santa Fe, had a chance to meet with our legislators - Johnson, Pinto, Munoz and Lundstrom, and with the Governor, there are some reversions taking place, the governor has been audited, the state of New Mexico has been audited, there's lots of money that hasn't been spent from 2019 on to this point, if you're not going to spend the money on these chapters and there's an excess of \$22 million with all the Navajo chapters on the New Mexico side, she's really upset about this, our Speaker had a tiff with her, the Governor while we were in there, she told us if you guys can't deal with that I need that money back, she's looking at these reversions, all the chapters in my district applied for reauthorization for all those reversions, all the reversions we have which include all the five chapters, each chapter submitted new projects capital outlay, also with TIFF (Tribal Infrastructure Fund) and the TIFF portal just opened and it will close in March, we need to determine what our priorities will be, I'll have Sonny Moore work with Maria related to that, I'll have them put that together and put in to the portal, I talked to the representatives and they said this year for capital outlay projects that have been submitted, they are telling me they are probably not going to give more than \$200-\$300,000 to each of the chapters this year, these are for chapters that have shortfalls, as you know we have funding for the lighting, people have been saying we have funding to some degree for the police department, we have funding for our warehouse, what we got in the past was for planning and design, the money we have the million dollars, we got for the public safety building, the lighting includes us, Mexican Springs want lighting on their junction, and Twin Lakes, it's planning and design dollars, we need to get money for construction, for the public safety building we need about \$16 million dollars, the construction for each of the lighting on 491 we need about \$3 million for each location, need additional funding for our warehouse here in Tohatchi, I need to make people aware of and it's the same situation at all chapters, it's the same situation at all the chapters in New Mexico, that's why we're not able to finish these projects, Navajo Nation has less than 10 project managers who deal with these projects, dealing with over 1,000 ARPA projects from all 110 chapters, dealing with all the TIFF projects from New Mexico state, the capital outlay from the New Mexico state, dealing with projects from Arizona and Utah, I have talked to the President on several occasions asking him to put in an emergency fund request at least to get some people to help these individuals and to this day it never has happened, the 164 process – when money comes in from outside the Navajo Nation, it has to go through the process of OMB, the Justice Department, the Controller, the departments, and chapters, the process can take up to two years to get those funds from the outside institution whether is the federal government or state of New Mexico or any institution, it takes that long to get the money processed and approved, to be used by the tribe, we're working on as council delegates to get it fixed, there's a simpler process, the President is not using that process, the Tucson Electric Power (TEP), I met with them through November and December, they have been coming out to each of the chapters and giving presentations as to where it stands, what that is, the Tucson Electric Power line is asking for the right of way, they are negotiating this right of way, from the 70's it was a 50 year request that was approved, what they were paying the Navajo Nation for that right of way was low, Jessica Tso and Eleanor Smith, they did come to their district meeting on January 16 and gave a good update, I asked them to come to each chapter house, they've been to Mexican Springs, Coyote Canyon, Twin Lakes and probably come here, also Naschitti, the Navajo Nation is negotiating for this right of way, the problem with this is, the minerals department and all departments, they are only negotiating just for the Nation, they are not negotiating for the chapters, what we want or the grazing permit holders, they are not part of the negotiating, we need to get in there and make sure the chapters are in the payment process and we get funding out of this for the chapters and grazing officials,

these two ladies – Jessica Tso and Eleanor Smith, a nonprofit organization called ToNizhoni Ani, they are helping the chapters and grazing officials to get funds they deserve from this project, Native Peoples First – storage for hydroelectric project to be stationed up in the mountains, project will involve Mexican Springs and Tohatchi, Trump administration offering buyouts to federal employees all across the nation, making cuts in the different government agencies, I'm telling the chapters he's been in office for three weeks and he doesn't have all his cabinet secretaries confirmed, the Interior Department, he is confirmed which is BIA, fired all top officials within the Department of Interior, when the executive orders come out they have to determine which are legal, how to interpret those and how are they going to utilize those to run their departments, there are a lot of lawsuits not only in the government and also outside agencies, these lawsuits are filed against the executive orders, at the Naabikiyati meeting we asked IHS, BIA and BIE to give a report to the council as to where we stand, they responded with we don't know, with all that is going on it may take about 60 days to know where we will stand in this process and how BIA will fair out of this, the headquarters for our district in Gallup, the Navajo area and some of the employees from the different agencies, some took the offer to resign, be done and do not return to the office again, leave the property, and get paid up to September, I believe a judge put a stop to that, I'm on the Law and Order Committee, we are doing a judicial review with all the 13 court districts, we start tomorrow, we are having public hearings and these are for the Chief Justices and a number of judges within the Navajo Nation, possibly give them raises and confirmed, we start tomorrow in Tuba City, these are full day events, we go to Chinle on Thursday, Kayenta on Friday, this will go on into April, Ansley left who was my assistant, LDA and works with Division of Social Services, entails a lot of work, it took four months to get these two people on board, I divided the position in half, two LDA's – Sonny Moore will work with the different committee meetings and chapter meetings, CLUPC, Veterans, and Grazing, what are the issues the chapters are dealing with, I'll try to make as many meetings as I can and make it a priority, Casey Begay will work with projects in Window Rock, meeting on these issues today – all ARPA funding, housing, bathroom additions, powerlines, I need complete updates on these, someone to keep me updated on New Mexico Capital Outlay projects, New Mexico Tribal Infrastructure, funding projects, ICIP which is the infrastructure, capital improvement plans, plans from the chapters, CPMD program – people who are managing the projects, we did get \$2.1 million dollars for Coyote Canyon Rehabilitation, it's been two years and we're still working to get those funds out to Coyote Canyon to remodel the center, there are several chapters that want certification and that is a priority, we have several chapters that are sanction due to previous audits, we want to get these chapters out of the sanction status, maintain contact with other council delegates and other legislative districts, maintain more contacts will be helpful, Division of Aging Long Term Care Support (DALTCS), keep chapter schedule together, Veterans updates, McKinley County to replace and repair 36 bridges within McKinley County, five are in my district, trying to get a bridge in Mexican Springs, priority is the Tohatchi Public Safety building, Highway 491 lighting in Tohatchi, Mexican Springs and Twin Lakes, they are state projects and now I have Coyote Canyon who want to be part of that project, they won't be able to get state funding, we have outside agencies who do projects for our district like Sauder Miller, Arrow Tek and continue to look for additional funding outside the state and federal and within our Navajo Nation, assist Red Willow Farms with their projects, Rural Addressing, a lot to be done – housing, roads, land grazing issues, health, mental health, public safety, elderly, veterans, youth, agriculture, farming, water, power lines, infrastructure, Chuska Mountain – people want to move up there and are being denied to move there, had a battle with BIA, the two individuals who were against this have resigned from the BIA, we can make some progress, the budget and we're on a continuing resolution, we only have half of our funding for the Navajo Nation, the subcommittees are finished

with their work, Law and Order Committee we finished ours about two weeks ago, NABI will meet on Monday and Tuesday related to this, special council session on February 27 to finalized the continuing resolution so we can get money out to the different departments and divisions, chapters and everyone that is involved, thank you Sonny for accepting the job; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – thank you for the updates on projects, keep coming back and keeping CLUPC updated, bike trail going through the process; ***Pernell Halona** – ARPA funds given to chapters, do a resolution and get together, had about \$8 million, the chapter houses didn't meet to get the paperwork together to get the money, did the money disappear, where did they use it at; ***Nathan Notah** – all resolutions and all decisions have been made for each of the chapters from the \$8.8 million dollars, it's all accounted for; ***Pernell Halona** – to go where; ***Nathan Notah** – Sonny your projects are here, warehouse, waterline projects, electricity projects, sewer projects; ***Sonny Moore** – when Ansley was on board, each chapter put together their projects to spend the \$1.7 million for each chapter, the resolution was put together for each chapter and presented to each community, and went to community development, about six months ago all of those funds that were approved for the chapters, all 110 have been reclassified, not under federal guidelines and there's no hurry, the money is in Window Rock somewhere, some chapters have started with the projects – bathroom, septic tanks, leech fields, power line extension, water lines; ***Pernell Halona** – the 164 process, who do we need to push to get the projects going to spend the money; ***Nathan Notah** – the \$8.8 million and \$1.7 million per chapter, everything has been set, the chapters passed the resolution for each of the projects, it's gone through Justice and you know how the process works, goes through DCD, OOC, send back to chapters for review, I submitted the resolution to have approve by council and they have been approved, what Sonny is talking about is, there is a process with ARPA funding that a lot of states, tribes, counties, and cities did, we didn't know about on the Navajo Nation, our controller, the council delegates nobody knew about this, you can get the ARPA money and deposit it into your accounts based on reimbursements, you look at all the money the tribe or whoever, the money they lost during pandemic, if you can justify and get the documentation to say this is the amount of money we lost, we utilized our enterprises – the casinos, we lost money there, NAPI project, NTUA they lost money, the controller utilized and we were able to submit \$500+ million dollars that was given to us and given to the nation and went to our general fund, those funds are no longer under the federal guidelines, not under federal deadlines and rules, that is the tribes money, the \$8.8 million dollars, all the spending and all the resolutions we did, all the ways we were determine to spend that money stayed intact for every district – chapter, it went into the general fund money, we're not under any federal deadline of December 31, we don't have to have those projects finished, we're talking about setting our own deadline within the tribe, it's general fund money and not being pressured, not sending the money back to the government; ***Pernell Halona** – we're only under pressure by waiting for the projects to go out, not enough people to supply everything right now; ***Nathan Notah** – when the money was given to us, the projects were given account numbers and K numbers, when the money was transferred to the Nation and went into our general funds, all the accounts numbers had to be redone, all projects had to be reassigned a new account number; that has been taking place since October, November, December, January and February, we got noticed it is being completed, those account numbers are being transferred; ***Pernell Halona** – chapters will not have to do audits on the funding, the Navajo Nation will; ***Nathan Notah** – all the rules and regulations, all the things that are tied to this money have to be rewritten, this is the reason it is taken so long; ***Pernell Halona** – money to come out here and get the projects started, I heard there are about 18 chapters that have spent their money; ***Nathan Notah** – those chapters are certified, I would like to get all five chapters certified in my district; ***Laris Manuelito** – make a comment on what Delegate Halona mentioned doing the

footwork for 164, he is right and you can go to these offices, CPMD can look in to the computer and see where it is at, they have 10 days to sign it, pushing my project I have to do the footwork, sometimes I call to find out where my project is at, it's doable, BIA in terms of land and I'm working on my RMU, working on my conservation plan, there's no funding for 2025 conservation plan, why isn't council asking more, BIA and BIE can disappear, I have to look outside the box for plan B and plan C, I have to go to private investors, there might be no federal funding next year, working on water with EPA and at a standstill, the Navajo Gallup Waterline coming through, the Bureau of Reclamation, the funding for the line coming this way is security and set aside or is it going to get rescinded, I get different answers and depending on who I talk to from Gallup oppose to talking to someone from the Navajo Nation, it's going through my business as well, when will we know when we will have funding, in Colorado pantry are closing down, council still talking about ARPA, we need to get LGA; ***Sonny Moore** – the audit keeps coming up, we're waiting for Helen Brown to come back to do a six months review for this chapter and they will tell us if we passed or there are other findings, then we need to correct those.

C. Navajo Petroleum Gas Station update/review

***Elvis Bitsilly** – Vacant Post Office and 750' corridor, projects on the table and have been in the process or have been approved, the chapter passed a resolution November of last year for the Petroleum gas station, requesting and directing the Navajo Nation Department of Economic Development and Fort Defiance regional business development office, small business development to oppose a development of the Navajo Nation Fleet within the business development area which is located on the 491 location at the Petroleum Gas station in Tohatchi, this resolution from Flora, any resolution needs to be given out and to follow up on, Flora stated last week the coordinator and/or chapter president needs to attach a letter memo supporting this opposition in making it a Fleet Management, we've done it and the chapter approved it and they don't want it; ***Fern Spencer** – I thought that was already done; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the letter part was not, the resolution was sent, Economic Development is following up on this for us, there's new leadership and we're moving forward, what we do as Community Land Use Plan Committee we do the approval, initiation and follow up to make sure this is being done, not too much involved in the administration, make a recommendation that something is continuing, Leonard Francisco, Division Director he recommended we submit a letter; ***Fern Spencer** – when he gets back we need to ask him, the tribe takes forever, documents are lost, the community suffers; ***Pernell Halona** – has anyone talked to Sinclair, where is that project at; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Economic Development working on this project, Sinclair is waiting for this to be cleared from Fleet Management of the Navajo Nation so they can delete the project, negotiation between Economic Development and Navajo Nation and the former owners, Navajo Petroleum, they haven't get an official notice and that's why we need to add a letter from the chapter, so Sinclair can get the okay and they are ready to develop the store and station, we need the clearance; ***Lee Rodgers** – I would like to hear from the previous Chapter President Mr. Moore, I can start the letter; ***Fern Spencer** – you can start process until the election comes in March for President; ***Lee Rodgers** – I don't know how soon they will be certified inaugurated, how soon do we want this done, I can try to write a letter as Vice President if it will help, it may have gotten lost in the shuffle, we can ask him; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – yes, you can start that; ***Laris Manuelito** – 750' is there and there's still legislation to rescind, take away the 750' corridor; ***Lee Rodgers** – the person sponsoring the legislation withdrew it, there was a resolution that was done, we oppose the Fleet Management coming in at the Navajo Petroleum gas station, I understand they need a letter from the chapter president, Fern is saying you had done that letter when you were president, or did you do that letter when you were president; ***Sonny Moore** – I didn't do a letter but the community did a resolution, the resolution speaks to say we don't want

the Fleet Management to come in; ***Pernell Halona** – they are asking a letter from the president; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – it's the president or the CSC who can write this letter as well, Maria didn't know of the request from Economic Development; ***Lee Rodgers** – I ran into the CEO of TAOS, a chapter official from Steamboat, I told him Tohatchi is interesting in retaking that building, there will be a resolution coming in getting the building back, does TAOS have any plans, he said they don't have any plans for it yet, will give it back to his staff and get status of TAOS; ***Fern Spencer** – who is the official; ***Lee Rodgers** – Jefferson Kee; ***Sonny Moore** – give me an external hard drive and I'll transfer project for you.

D. NN Economic Development/Hard copies of CLUP- Flora Nez

***Elvis Bitsilly** – dropped off the books for CLUPC members, following up on the small business plans; ***Flora Nez** – we will advertised two sites on our website that are vacant – across the high school that has nothing and old Rental Flick, you have 4 and I won't bother the other two (Veterans and across from them), my coworker is taking pictures of these sites to put on our website, I'll let you know when we go live with them and make sure everything is accurate, we're going there to take pictures and acreage, see you next month and I went through the strategic plan is nicely done, I do have questions; ***Fern Spencer** – have you met with the Veterans; ***Flora Nez** – no; ***Fern Spencer** – their meeting is the first Friday of every month; ***Flora Nez** – I talked to Ms. Manuelito when she came to the office, last month you had a question on that building the UPS (Post Office), that whole area is lease to TAOS for 25 years and you have to work with them.

E. Community Land Use Plan/Schedule work session

***Elvis Bitsilly** – talk about now or later; ***Pernell Halona** – Latasha James, we were going to meet with her, what's the plan; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – she gave us the outline of the community land use plan for all of Navajo Nation, here follow this guideline and you guys take care of it, do what you need to do, we talked about hiring a planner if there was funds and it will not happen, we decided as a committee to do it ourselves, work session is directly on the plan and we need to move the plan forward, we were assigned sections, no work sessions since last year; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – there are no scheduled meetings on March 17; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - March 17 work session 9:00 am.

VI. New Business:

A. Vacant Post Office Building spaces/ Lease by TAOS. Inc

***Elvis Bitsilly** – we just heard from Madame Vice President about her meeting Mr. Kee, we been talking with TAOS, a 25 year lease on the building, the vacant section in the building is in their hands, who has ownership of the building, we said Navajo Nation then it went back to TAOS, chapter officials and administration to talk with TAOS and what they want to do with the building, do they was to relinquish it, we can recommend an eatery, restaurant, or whatever we want to put on that side, the infrastructure is okay except the sewer, TAOS stepping back due to repair cost, as the chapter we want to open up that place, make agreement with TAOS and we can move things quicker; ***Lee Rodgers** – 25 years, does the chapter have anything on the lease on the building; ***Pernell Halona** – 5 years; ***Laris Manuelito** – asking RDBO, Economic Development – they can give you the information, to move things forward and be proactive, write an inquiry letter to Jefferson Kee and his board of your interest on the leasing and they can sublease, a supporting resolution from CLUPC to know you're interested; ***Sonny Moore** – it took time to work on the building, the chapter can't run the post office and that's why it's leased to TAOS, I've been to their office many times and talked to former board members, the person in charge there, we don't have any money to put there, maybe you can look somewhere else, I went back to RDBO, the lady said there is money, there needs to be renovation, replace the sewer line to the first man hole, \$60,000, can you put another business in the other half of the building, NTUA will look at it as one building because there's one service entrance, Tohatchi doesn't have a nice mom and pop place, I talked to

Mr. Kee and invited him to our meetings, write a letter with a resolution to start talking business, not only TAOS and include RDBO, get the right person from Economic Development you can make things happen.

B. 750' Corridor Resolution CM-9-50- Approved by Tohatchi Chapter TOH-079-05-2018

***Elvis Bitsilly** – resolution from 2018, this 750' corridor has been in place since 1950 with the Navajo Nation, community not to move into this area or footage, it starts at the fence line on each side of the highway, Mike Halona stated that Tohatchi is one of three chapters who have this resolution, Delegate Parrish and Delegate Claw is sponsoring the legislation to remove that, there is opposition, Chinle and Kayenta have a resolution, resolution is CM-9-50; ***Laris Manuelito** – tabled in legislation, it can be revisited to Naabikiyati or council; ***Lee Rodgers** – communities don't remember that resolution, look at Tohatchi we have people in that 650 designation along the highway; ***Fern Spencer** – it's like those signs we have out there, does the chapter get that money, ***Lee Rodgers** – I don't know who gets that money; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the billboards; ***Fern Spencer** – yes the billboards, Mr. Halona at one time said the baseball and softball fields are in the area which they shouldn't have been built close to the highway.

***Eulanda Thompson** – #9 Geothermal Tosidoh, I don't know when they will bring up, on here it says CLUPC, are they responsible, I'm an residence of Tosidoh for 30 years, I live closet to Hot Springs, the water has been running over 70 years now, I'm against the Geothermal Project, my family members and relatives around the area too are against it, no one has ever come to our door and said this is what we want to do, Mr. Sam Woods, I don't appreciate him coming from another community and saying acting he is a relative or blood relative when he is not, it's like me if I was to go to Mexican Springs and try to use one of their natural resources to gain whatever he wants to gain out of it, that's how I see it, I'm going to be the next generation, I am the next generation to be responsible to preserve that land and it will be inherited to me, Cody Francis is my nephew, he will be the next generation after me, we want to be informed when the project is going to be coming up again, we want our family here and everybody who is against it, to make sure they are all here to voice their opinions, we will keeping fighting this to where is does not happen and we do not want this natural resource to be depleted with the project he wants to do, it will deplete the Hot Springs, the only people I approve to go down there are the ranchers to get water for their cattle, and for people who still don't have running water in the surrounding communities who take a shower, it breaks my heart to see people still going down there to take a shower, I don't approve people taking a Sunday drive and throwing their trash, unloading their trash alongside of the road which I've seen, people illegally dumping, I've confronted them and made them pick up their trash, I told them you can dump it in Gallup for \$8.00, can you go do that and they did, I asked the chapter to put signs down there, and they did, put it up higher where my grazing land is, I'm open to them putting a sign there, I'd appreciate if someone will let us know when this will be on your next agenda; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – this project has gone away, it didn't go anywhere, the chapter heard from you guys community members that you guys are opposing it, it came to CLUPC to hear what their plans are, it phased out right now, the community needs to be involved when things like this come up, did you come to one of those meetings; ***Eulanda Thompson** – yes, I was here; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – you voiced your thoughts and that's good, it's for every project that comes to Tohatchi, there's nothing more on that project, don't worry about it, if anything is to come up again we'll let the people know; ***Eulanda Thompson** – the last meeting we were informed the day before, we all were here to oppose, they said they sent letters and came down to our houses, I'm home most of the time and nobody ever knocked on my door, I'm always working outside; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – are you aware of the East Flats water project, families are getting water, individual wells; ***Eulanda Thompson** – yes; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - chapter is involved with the water well projects; ***Eulanda**

Thompson – I’m Eulanda Thompson, the last chapter meeting, Ms. Roanhorse mentioned there is a vacant position for Ch’ooshgai School Board member, I care about education, children and this community, I’m running for Ch’ooshgai School Board member for Tohatchi, I’d appreciate your support; ***Fern Spencer** – Sam Woods telling CLUPC what they were all about, Deon Ben was president of CLUPC at that time and told them they need to get people together have a public meeting and go that route, whether they did it or not, I don’t know, as we went on it filtered out; ***Laris Manuelito** – I was LDA for Delegate Halona, Tosidoh is not LOC, they are a business now, anyone can go and register, they came in and wanted to provide thermal energy for the community, Deon Ben and them were willing to hear them, it started to become more of a business, Tosidoh is a subsidiary of Intech, Tosidoh LLC became a business and was the chapter okay with this, when you’re in business you’re an independent entity, your family drafting a letter to the chapter and CLUPC to oppose the project, even though they said it phased out, the LLC still remains and Intech is behind it and they are an enterprise, enterprises whatever they get from it goes to the enterprise before it goes to the government, money stays in the enterprise it doesn’t go to the community, drafting a letter or getting a lawyer, how do we make sure this is protected, because the LLC can easily come in, I didn’t know it was an LLC until I seen at the chapter meeting, they became a business and once you become a business it becomes a different entity, they don’t really work with CPMD, I’ve seen Intech work and they are not in a good way, not sure if the Vice President is okay with you guys drafting a letter, if the CLUPC or chapter are okay to doing another resolution opposing it, so it will be updated, bring them in and what are your intentions now, sweeping it under the rug doesn’t mean it went away; ***Fern Spencer** – was there a resolution that was presented to the chapter; ***Eulanda Thompson** – I don’t remember a resolution; ***Priscilla Duncan** – 2018 on the resolution; ***Lee Rodgers** – people who get LLC, marked and stamped, registered with RBDO, where do I find out where they are registered as LLC; ***Laris Manuelito** – you can find out on RBDO; ***Lee Rodgers** – they are Tosidoh; ***Pernell Halona** – this water land that is by your house, what’s your proposal on this, let it run, not do anything with it; ***Eulanda Thompson** – these big companies come down to use the water, I don’t mind them coming because it’s for the community, I would like to see it upgraded and I don’t have the funds to make it what I loved to see it as, something nice for the people to use the natural Hot Springs to take a shower, a shower facility, ranchers to pull up easy, people bring their own water hose to fill up there water troughs; ***Fern Spencer** – I remember there was a house and it got vandalized, people party, it was nice to have the house there, you park and you have the water there, you can’t keep anything nice; ***Eulanda Thompson** – if our family invest money to make it better, people will vandalize, party and throw trash, our ranchers pick up the trash while filling up their tanks, there’s pros and cons.

VII. **Resolutions: none**

VIII. **Announcements: Federal Actions Against Native American, February 19 @ Tohatchi Chapter, 1-7 pm, Attorney Eason, Gallup Library – Federal Laws, February 18 this evening, Gallup Veterans Center, February 18 @ 5-7 pm, CLUPC Work Session meeting, March 17, 2025 @ 9:00 am Tohatchi Chapter**

IX. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 @9am-12n Tohatchi Chapter**

X. **Adjournment: 12:00 pm**


Delphine Bitsilly
 Recorder