



THE NAVAJO NATION TOHATCHI COMMUNITY CHAPTER

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OCTOBER 7, 2025 @ 9:00am

TOHATCHI CHAPTER SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

AUDIO TELECONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: (575) 567-3331 PIN: 290 206 733#

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- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. INVOCATION**
- IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
- V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: N/A**
- VI. PRESENTATION:**
 - 1. None**
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - 1. None**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. None**
- IX. RESOLUTIONS:**
 - 1. 001-10-2026: Resolution to approve the 2025 Tohatchi Chapter Carryover Budget**
- X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- XI. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: 10-22-2025 @ 9:00am (Regular Chapter Meeting)**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT:**



October 07, 2025 9:00am

TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

- I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 9:50am
- II. ROLL CALL: President Elvis Bitsilly, Vice President Lee Rodgers, Secretary/Treasurer Jean Crawford, Grazing Officer Gerald Moore, Fern Spencer, and Priscilla Duncan
- III. INVOCATION: JoAnn Jayne
- IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion: 1st Fern Spencer 2nd Priscilla Duncan Vote: 17-0-1
- V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: N/A
- VI. PRESENTATION:
 1. Maria Allison CSC of Tohatchi Chapter
- VII. UNFINISH BUSINESS:
 1. None
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
 1. None

2025 Chapter Carryover Budget:

2025 Tohatchi Chapter Carryover Budget				
Object Code	Description	Fund Code	Ft Defiance	Budget Total
6721	Scholarship/General Fund 13	13	\$1,492.00	\$1,492.00
6605	Chapter Officials Stipends	12	\$18,279.96	\$19,771.96
6101-6108	Supplemental Youth Funds	08	\$719.56	\$20,491.52
6202-6818	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	23	\$134,752.18	\$155,243.70
6723-6724	Housing Discretionary Fund	09	\$1,307.86	\$156,551.56
6103-6612	LGA Grant Fund	10	\$59,980.01	\$216,531.57
6101	PEP Fund	15	\$11,088.98	\$227,620.55
6352-6620	Veterans Fund	16	\$10,659.00	\$238,279.55
6321-6724	Emergency Fund	17	\$24,719.71	\$262,999.26
6300-6722	Chapter Activities General Fund	01	\$9,950.59	\$272,949.85
6101-6810	Capital Outlay	25	\$13,831.58	\$286,781.43
6300-6603	Red Willow Farm Fund	26	\$590.37	\$287,371.80
6303-6812	Navajo Nation 200,000 CIP Fund	27	\$3,877.78	\$291,249.58
6357	Agriculture and Infrastructure	34	\$3.68	\$291,253.26
6300-6813	Unhealthy Food Tax Fund	40	\$104,785.82	\$396,039.08
6802	NAPI Benefit Fund	51	\$2,237.56	\$398,276.64

6300-6803	Senior Citizen Fundraising	61	\$2,162.99	\$400,439.63
6303-6615	Special Revenue – Land Claims Trust	03	\$52,911.83	\$453,351.46
6721	Special Revenue – Scholarships	14	\$4,463.98	\$457,815.44
	Total			\$457,815.44

Discussions:

Vice President Rodgers brought up the emergency fund account. She attended the District 14 meeting where our Council Delegate Notah was addressing the attendants and letting them know we need to prepare for the upcoming winter. But the emergency fund cannot be used unless the President of the Navajo Nation declares an emergency. She recommends the chapter do a resolution to address the issue with the emergency funding. She says the Chapter should be able to use a part of the emergency funding to assist families in our community get prepared for the winter months. We should not have to wait on the President to declare an emergency to be able to use this fund account.

Also, PEP positions were brought up. Since people from within our community are not applying for the PEP positions maybe we could consider making these PEP permanent positions.

JoAnn Jayne had a question on Fund 25 (Capital Outlay) which has

a balance of \$13,831.58. She wanted to know if the chapter had a plan as to how this fund would be used and what the time frame would be. Maria explained there is not time limit on using this fund. Examples of allowable expenditures include materials, construction costs, fees, clearances, design workforce expenses, and related costs. She states all request for assistance through the Chapter is done during the planning meetings. Applications are completed and reviewed and if they qualify based on chapter policy a resolution is presented during the regular Chapter meeting and the community votes on the resolution. Ms. Jayne suggested that the Chapter develop a plan to use some of these funds, I believe the chapter needs to say by the end of the fiscal year, we want to come out with a certain percentage that we've spent. This would show we're using this funding on our community. Tohatchi has a vision but I think we need to have a goal as well. Maria, CSC – when we received our budget from the Navajo Nation 60%, we are told goes to the operation of the chapter and the 40% is left to assist community members. Some of the programs are the housing discretionary, summer youth employment, PEP employment, and the emergency fund. This has been brought up to the council delegates to ask why there is more money put into the operation of the chapter than there is with the assistance programs. As the CSC for the chapter, I am willing to work with the community in deciding how best these funds can be utilized.

Red Willow has their own account fund from the different fund raising they have done. What the Chapter does is they oversee this account fund for Red Willow.

JoAnn Jayne – How much was recently added to the Unhealthy Food Tax fund account? Can we move some of the funding into other fund accounts?

Maria CSC – This is a restricted fund; it can only be used for anything relating to health and wellness. We received around \$21,000 back in September. Some of the things we can use this funding for is healthy eating, fitness classes, traditional workshops, traditional craft making, and we can purchase wellness supplies. These are some of the things we can use the Unhealthy Food Tax fund for.

Senior Citizen Fundraising account is funding coming from all the fundraising the Senior Citizen did. Just like the Red Willow Farm account, they do not get funding from the Navajo Nation.

Special Revenue – Scholarships fund: This a new fund account which the Council Delegates provided and developed last year.

1. 001-10-2026: Resolution to approve the 2025 Tohatchi Chapter Carryover Budget.

Motion: 1st Priscilla Duncan 2nd JoAnn Jayne Vote: 20-0-2

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 22, 2025 (Chapter Meeting) at 9am

IX. AJOURNMENT: 12:03pm

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jean Crawford".

Secretary/Treasurer, Tohatchi Chapter **October 16, 2025**

cc: Mr. Elvis Bitsilly, President

Ms. Lee Rodgers, Vice-President

Mr. Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer

Ms. Maria Allison, CSC