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PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

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- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 10:12am**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** President Elvis Bitsilly, Vice President Lee Rodgers, Secretary/Treasurer Jean Crawford, Grazing Officer Moore and Geneva Begay with Red Willow Farm.
- III. **INVOCATION:** President Elvis Bitsilly
- IV. **REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**
- V. **COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND PRESENTERS:**

1. **Al Martinez - Gallup Mckinley County School: (Opportunity Career Center as the Community Liaison).** He brought flyers with information on two of the programs which are the Culinary Arts and the Vocational Construction pathway. He also had flyer on how a student can enrolled into the Opportunity Career Center. The culinary arts and the construction programs are a 3-year program and 30 students from Tohatchi Mid School and Tohatchi High School have toured the facility. Students build dog houses, out houses, storage units, and tiny houses. Mr. Carl is the instructor for the construction program. If a student can do the program for 3-years or 3 semesters they will be an intern where they can work with the younger kids and they get to do higher level projects. The student will get paid for 3 hours of work per day, that's 12 hours a week at \$15 an hour so they will be making about \$150 while going to school. Students are very excited and happy about getting paid for their work.

The Culinary Arts program with Chef Jamison is another one of the programs being offered by the Opportunity Career Center. There are two portables setup outside of the facility, one is built like a tiny restaurant and the other is strictly for cooking. We do have two students from the Tohatchi area and just like the construction program, these students also get paid for their work as cooks. They receive certificates that have to do with cooking like food handlers permits. The career center took some of their students to SIPI in Albuquerque to see what they were going with their culinary arts program. There are plans to build a new facility on the westside of Gallup and this school will serve all of the GMCS. If you have a student who is in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and plans to attend our programs they will be attending either the morning or the afternoon classes. They will have to go through their school counselor who will enroll them. The school will bus them over to the center. They will do 3 hours of classes and then go back to their school to do core classes for graduation. The Opportunity Career Center gives students the skills that they need. Tulsa Welding School came in and they will recruit Navajo Nation students because of the skills that they received. If interested, give Mr. Martinez a call and he can give you a tour of the facility.

The outhouses, dog houses, and storage units are for sell. You will need to inquiry at the center to get more information. The tiny house is not yet completed and maybe eligible for sell.

Suggestion was made to maybe considered adding water conservation, water resource, and watershed systems as a program which is vital to our area because of climate change. Also, instead of having the Opportunity Career Center in Gallup bring it out to Tohatchi where we are able to control our own school. A question was also asked if these students are introduced to unions because unions are always looking for skilled workers.

Laris Manuelito – looking into local work force to partner with an organization to train locally on not only stick builds but steel build. The company I'm working with is willing to train and I'm wondering if that's a possibility to develop a program where we could partner to train individuals.

Larson Manuelito – recommendation to add a number 6 to the agenda to distinguish between community requests and presenters on next agenda

2. **Hazel Tohe/Gloria Dennison/Gloria Dennison – Navajo Government Reform Proposal – Gloria Dennison** – The Government Reform was initially started with the Chief Justice at the time, Herb Yazzie, the council, and peacemaking. The document was 108 pages that was drafted but when it was being presented at the chapters, they were only presenting 48 pages. There are so much information and questions that will be asked and everyone needs to understand what exactly is being presented. The documents were called “Title one through Title 26” but that has changed since to “Article one through Article 20.” The Government Reform committee are wanting to put these changes on a referendum during the midterm election in November 2026. But it would be hard to put all the changes that are being make on one referendum. All the presentation are being presented in English and should be presented in Navajo for those across Navajo who do not understand English so they can ask pertinent questions regarding the Government Reform proposal. Organizations like “Indian Country Grassroots” and others are reviewing the proposal and collaborating to make sure everyone across Navajo understands what is being proposed. What these organizations are also doing is a “call to chapters” where they are coming into chapters to make people aware of the proposal by Government Reform committee.

The LGA this falls under Title 19 and the proposal is to remove LGA but how will that effect the daily operation of the chapters? The Naschitti Chapter has decided to submit a resolution to state they do not want a referendum on the ballot until they all fully understand what is in the proposal by the Government Reform committee. This is what Hazel James and other organizations are working on to make people aware and explaining what the consequences of the proposal would be.

The comment period on the referendum was supposed to be March 6, but was changed to March 31st.

LDA Moore – RDC is proposing to make changes to the BIM (Budget Management) as well which also currenting at the same time as the Government Reform proposal. Title 26 had the original 4 models which were being proposed back in 2023-204. Now, there are only 2 models being proposed which are Model A and Model B. Eastern Agency is having a work session on these Models on Wednesday in Gallup.

Larson Manuelito – Suggested having the Council Delegates have a convention to discuss the Government Reform proposal.

Hazel Tohe – States they researched the 118 pages of the Government Reform proposal and dissected the important changes that would affect the communities. The other parts of the proposal are ok for instance the check and balances and the administrative policies and regulations. These are common knowledge that is being practice already. But there are also some stringent things that are being introduced and they are running it through because of what’s happen currently in the world like the need for energy, oil and gas, the need for uranium for more wars, more weapons, need for water to do AI data centers. That is why RDC is doing their own, because they need to complete their own Navajo Nation Energy policy. They have been sitting on it since 2013 and they’ve hidden the Energy Policy and the Government Reform packet. This is to privatize our land and it would allow any industry to come onto our land to take our energy. We have basically destroyed our land and water so what are we going to correct ourselves. One important thing in the Government Reform proposal is they stated that the reform committee does not need to go through the 164 process, that is incorrect. It has to go through the 164 process if the committee wants to put on the November ballot.

Right now, there is a Japanese company who wants to come in and start extracting uranium again on Navajo but the stringent regulations of the State of New Mexico are holding up the process. The company tried to go through the legislative process by presenting it during the legislative session but it did not pass because of the permitting process which was not streamlined. So, now they have to go through a longer process for the permits. We as a community need to submit comments cards opposing uranium mining on our sacred mountains, letting the Navajo Nation how we feel about this. Hazel will be back with comment cards. We should be considering the people’s health before making a decision on energy development.

Hazel also mentioned she still would like to do a report on the memorandum of understanding and

the resolution which was passed in 2024. In 2025, we able to do some projects with the youth and for this year I still have some funding available and I want to work with the chapters in district 14. There are also grants that are ready to be submitted on March 17th through 1st Nations with Agricultural Processing projects. We also submitted 3 proposals in the amount of \$758,000 in grants that were written last year with USDA for District 14. Currently there is \$8 billion that have been approved for farmers and the grant open February 23rd to March 31st. Our consultants will try to reactive those grants.

Mike Begay – suggested the chapter put up a public forum and bring in Navajo speaking individuals to go over the Government Reform proposal piece by piece.

Caroline Tom – recommended the comment period and the Government Reform proposal be extended so that everybody has a chance to read and understand the changes being made.

3. **Laris Manuelito – Business Project** – stated she would like to recommend extending the comment period for the Government Reform proposal and holding off pushing this government reform forward until more public comments are made. As far as the planning on the new grocery store which is going on 5 years, she has the land withdrawn and now with the lease she has site control. She is autonomous and 100% owner. To sustain the store 24/7 it needs an “energy operation center.” She is asking for chapter support including District 14 chapters. She states she is taking the community, elders and children into consideration. The energy operation center consists of a micro grid. The development of a micro grid called an island. It will not go off NTUA, it is self-sustaining. If NTUA electricity goes out, the store does not. The store has its own communication wireless and internet. All of these can be sold back to the company but right now it’s to make sure that the emergency operation center is always going and always sustainable.

Laris requesting for a resolution asking the community for support of the ‘emergency operations center and the MarketPlace.’ She is seeking private funding and the store will be bringing in 12 different revenue streams. At the next chapter meeting She will be giving a presentation on the micro grid, telecom, and the grocery stores. Besides the pharmacy there are working a small pilot clinic. She has also asked for a support resolution from the community to apply for TIF funding.

4. **Helene Crosby – Native American Election Information Program** – Helene is employed with the Secretary of State office and works with the program called Native American Election Information Program to share information on the election and the processes. There were surveys that shows Native Americans need information provided to them to understand how to register to vote and about the different elections that happen each year. On January 26th a proclamation was issued and on February 3rd is the Declaration of Candidacy. On March 10th the people who want to run for representative, legislator, and senator will be entering their name at the County clerk’s office as a candidate. On June 2 will be the primary election day. There will be information on voting locations, polling locations, including absentee ballots. On November 3rd is election day. Helene says she is available to assist people with voter applications or you can scan the QR code on the handouts she provided. The QR code will take you to their website.

5. **Edwin Begay** – Requesting for a supporting resolution for his late uncle, Mr. Edward O. Plummer. Mr. Plummer received his Bachelor and Master’s degree from University of NM and became an engineer. He was a veteran and was an Honorary Medal recipient during the Vietnam War. He was a superintended of Eastern Navajo for many years and he was married to Georgia Ann Wauneka, son-in-law to Annie Wauneka. He was killed by a drunk driver in 1986 near Lake Valley. One of the projects Mr. Plummer was working on was the interchange at the Yah-ta-hey junction. After his death, the family received word that the NM Highway Commission was planning to name the bridge after him. The bridge is considered the gateway to the Navajo Nation. The NM Department of Transportation funded a portion of the cost of the construction of the bridge and it became New Mexico Highway Department property. Resolutions were sent to many of the chapters in New Mexico but was not entertained, except for Crownpoint chapter. I turned in the resolution to the State legislators both house and senator requesting for their assistance to rehabilitate the bridge. It needs a lot of work to clean up the debris around the bridge and the lettering on the bridge has faded over time. A request was made to Senator Pinto, Representative Johnson, and the County Commissioner

Danielle Notah to make this a priority. Rehabilitating the bridge is very important because the lights are out in the area, the signs are old and faded, and studies have to be done to control the water which gushes through there every time it rains. Mr. Begay is asking for a support resolution from Tohatchi Chapter to give to the State legislators again to ask for their assistance in the rehabilitation of the Edward O. Plummer bridge. He also added Tohatchi will be getting highway lighting soon and we should be requesting for flashing lights as well to get the truckers to slow down when entering Tohatchi community.

Larson Manuelito – Is requesting to have the sign “welcome to Tohatchi” refurbished and updated.

Caroline Tom – Mentioned all the potholes in the area of the bridge and the 264 road to Window Rock. Maybe submit resolutions to address the pothole issue because it is a hazard trying to avoid them while driving down the road.

Community Requests:

1. Caroline Tom – Requesting to have road N9653 about 14 miles east of North 491 by installing large culverts. I’m not sure if there is a right-of-way in place with the Navajo Nation DOT which may be needed to have work completed. With the rainfalls, the water tends to flow straight down onto our road causing washouts and making it difficult to drive through. We are requesting not just to have the damaged area graded, we are requesting to have large culvert installed. I’ve seen large culvert at the Solid Waste place in Gallup. That is exactly what we want installed. Secondly, I’m wondering about the CHID housing program, did any of our community members get homes? Thirdly, I heard the leach fields would be upgrade for community. Is this also plans of the Tohatchi Chapter?

Vice President Rodgers – I made recommendation to have the road repaired including the Antelope pass road. Maybe a grant proposal to have gabion work done using local materials like rocks to reinforce the walls and should be presented to NNDOT. I believe this will help the erosion of the dirt and mud.

2. Doris Benallie – is here on behalf of State Representative Wonda Johnson and asking for petition signatures for the upcoming election. Representative Johnson’s term is every 2 years and some updates from her are: March 11th is the last day for the Governor to sign off on all infrastructure projects. Mckinley County School funding, George Munoz, NM Secretary of Education is having an issue with approving 100% funding for Mckinley County Schools. They are only giving 50% because there is a discrepancy on the student count which was presented a couple years ago. They are waiting on the new updated count. New school board members with Santa Fe have said they will work on it and have the new count within the next 30 days.

NM Id’s was presented at Legislative session: The Navajo Nation wants to do their own thing as far as Id’s are concern. There are a lot of discrepancies with names because of names changes that were made and now their name does not match what is on their birth certificates. This was table by the Pueblo tribes to hold off on this.

Another topic during the Legislative session was salaries for our legislators, senators, and state representatives do not receive a salary. The state of New Mexico is the only state which does not pay their legislators, senators, and state representatives an annual salary. All they get is milage and per diem. This legislation will be on the ballot in November 2026 and she’s asking for support on this legislation. This governor’s last year and it’s being proposed to make it a law that New Mexico chapters requesting for funding have a resolution to support your request. Tohatchi schools received funding back from 2013 and the superintendent is holding on to the funding. There are a lot of infrastructure funding from the State which were not used within the time frame and got reverted back to Santa Fe. This is a problem which needs to be resolved. State Representative Johnson will be coming to the chapter to share what she signed as far as funding for the chapter.

3. Virginia Barney – requesting is requesting for housing discretionary assistance. She is requesting to have the shower facets repaired including the walls and ceiling. She states there is a leak from ceiling in the bathroom which will probably need roof repair as well. She lives with her daughter and 3 granddaughters. She has obtained 3 quotes and asking what she needs to do next. Virginia is also requesting to have the school bus which stops at milepost 29 at their turnoff to pick up her grandchildren moved either farther down a way from the curve or have the bus turn off of highway

491 onto the gravel to pick up her grandchildren. Apparently, the bus stops right at the curve and she feels this can be very dangerous. She states there have been multiple accidents at this location and is worried about her grandchildren entering and exiting the school bus there. She asked who she needs to notified to make this change.

President Bitsilly – States this request will be shared with the NM Highway Department and Council Delegate Notah to address the issue.

Larson Manuelito – He asked to get more information on the removal of District Attorney, Bernadine Martin of Mckinley County.

4. Lee Rodgers – received complaint from community member on the vendors who are selling food across from Speedway and the Navajo Petroleum gas station. Apparently, these vendors are pouring the grease from their food and trash alongside their trailers. This is a health concern and I'm requesting a resolution from the chapter to Navajo Nation OEH who may have authority over the vendors. Also, requesting the police to oversee the vendors who may be required to be shut down. This is a health hazard and also a safety issue. The traffic that come through do not mind the speed limit sign which is dangerous when children are out playing alongside the road. The vendors who are parked near the Navajo Petroleum Gas station is also violating NN private property laws. They should not be selling within that area. Also, there is a grease bin on the southside of the gas station which has been reported to OEH but the chapter is not aware as to who utilizing the grease bin. The grease bin is attracting birds, dogs, and rodents. All vendors should have their food handler's permit posted where customers can see it.

Larson Manuelito – suggestion made to be business friendly to our vendors as long as they comply and follow Navajo Nation laws and regulations. All vendors want to do is make a little bit of money so we should stay positive.

REPORTS:

***Council Delegate's Report given by LDA Moore:**

1. NN Council Legislative Updates –
2. NM Council Delegate Caucus NABI Sub Committee Meeting Update –
3. NTIP Navajo Transportation Improvement Projects, 84M Sihasin Fund -

Casey Begay, LDA – Mentioned there is a \$1million being requested for the Safety Complex and the governor should be signing off on this request on March 11th. The Sihasin funding that was allocated to the different projects across Navajo had a deadline of 12-31-2025. A lot of the money was not used so it might “be clawed back” to put into the hardship fund. Coyote Canyon Chapter tried to schedule a meeting regarding the unused Sihasin money, but it's been canceled several times. If we don't speak up for these funds it will be put into hardship fund.

Grazing regulations, title 17 and 14. There was a joint meeting between Law & Order and the Resource committee. There is discussion being had to change some of the laws to fit the crime. If and when the changes are made, the final draft of the legislation will be provided to the chapters. As far as the Government Reform is concerned, a lot of the chapters across Navajo are saying they need more time to understand the proposed changes being considered. They are requesting to have the presentation provided to them in Navajo.

As LDAs, we are working on the 491-highway lighting for District 14, Sheepsprings, Newcomb, and the Edward O. Plummer bridge. We are also working with Mr. Joe Hernandez from the San Juan County to have the community access to the gravel milling near El Paso. It is in the NM Highway right-of-way so we would have to have the State move it outside the right-of-way so the community can have access to the millings.

The CHID housing project had 7 vendors walk away from the project because they state they have not been paid. Coyote Canyon has received 3 homes but the chapters are still lacking homes for people who qualified. The Project Manager with Parsons said he is also walking away from the housing project if they are not paid within the next 2 weeks. Twin Lakes chapter has received all the homes that were

requested.

The TIF deadline is on March 13, 2026. If you are planning to request for funding from the State you need to meet the deadline. Mr. Casey Begay states he is available to assist with the TIF application. Council Delegate, Notah is on the TIF Board so we may have an advantage in that sense.

The issue with vendors pouring oil/grease onto the ground when selling is a problem. They have to have permits like the sanitation and food handlers permit to sell. Mr. Begay recommends selecting a location in the Tohatchi area for all the vendors to setup.

As far as the family requesting for a culvert, he recommends NNDOT plan and design how best to repair the erosion of the sand from the rainfall. NNDOT can assist with the heavy equipment or they can tell let the chapter know where they can purchase culverts, but there is of course a waiting list. It could possibly take 2 years.

All the CSC in District 14 have gone through the LGA updates in San Juan.

LDA Sonny Moore – The Navajo Nation government when they do their budget they tend not to spend all their money and what is leftover goes into the Sihasin fund. The chapter can ask for the shortfall on the warehouse in the amount of \$850,000.00 from the Sihasin fund. This where the Council Delegate gets involved by requesting for Sihasin funds. There is also \$35 million in Personnel Lapse Fund. The chapter has been trying to get more people employed at the chapter and with this funding we could look at getting more permanent employees. Also, with Title 14 and 17 they are trying to get more enforcement and cross deputizing the rangers which is being discussed by Law & Order committee who want to put more teeth into the law enforcement policies.

As far as State funding for chapters in New Mexico, the Navajo Nation is not doing very well spending the funds in a timely manner. Eastern Agency has made a recommendation to have the capital projects moved away from DCD and have an office just for capital projects. Currently, there is only one person who processes IGA's and they are far behind. District 14 does have their foot in the door with NMDOT and had a positive meeting with Mr. Serna, but we need to follow up with them. We need \$20 million dollars for the 3 communities which includes but not limit to the highway lighting, beacon lights, and radar indicators. Mr. Moore also mentioned the need to recruit police officers for the new Safety Complex which means working or partnering with UNM-G.

The controller of the Navajo Nation has been telling us the revenue stream will flatten out soon, so we need to do something to sustain ourselves so that we have our own revenues coming in; for example, looking into economy development and getting feasibility studies done for District 14.

Casey Begay – Reiterated the importance of farming and shared 5 different group have formed a co-op and selling their product to 7 different vendors in Shiprock. They (Farm Board) have \$85,000 to pay to the farmers. We need to ask President Nygren to sign an executive order to have chapters purchase produce and hay from local farmers and not from NAPI. We can get Red Willow to sell their produce to the Senior Centers.

***Community Service Coordinator/Officials' Report:**

1. Auditor's Review Updates –

Maria, CSC – This is 3rd week with the auditors and they are going back as far as 2012 to present. Auditors went over the 5-management and the last time it was used was in 2007. Chapter will need to adopt the current 2010 policy with a resolution. The main thing was the fix assets and the AMS reached out for assistance and now we are in compliance. All the equipment will need to be re-tagged, the ASC has to provide more training for the AMS and CSC, and covered the chapter policies which requires updated forms. Auditors had questions on the relationship with the officials, they wanted to know how much time is spent with them, what their duties are and what they have done as whole for the chapter. There were

questions about the financial side and the MIP system. Property list has to be review again using the UBS-Forms and cross-reference against current forms. Everything will need to be tagged and all receipts in order. The secretary/treasurer will review the property listing, tags, and receipts when completed. Question was also asked about the chapter minutes not posted on the chapter information board. Auditor states minutes should be posted 48 hours before the chapter meeting. CSC states she was ding for not having the minutes up within 48 hours before the meetings. Recommendation was also made to have all the chapter committees have their minutes posted as well because it's public information. The recording of the meeting minutes was also brought up. Auditor states the recording of meeting minutes should be entered into the system as soon as meeting is completed and it should also be sent to Auditor General when we send in our financial statements.

When a check is written and either the Vice President or President has to sign off on the check, there has to be a justification form completed. Auditor will be looking for Official's signatures on the justification forms. So, a lot of the forms will be changed or update. Maria, states the close might be at the end of the month if the auditor has everything reviewed and completed. The auditor also had an issue with the ASC for not providing proper training for the CSC and the AMS on daily chapter operations.

2. NN Government Reform Session -Twin Arrows – Covered earlier in the meeting.

3. NM Capital Outlay & TIF Proposal Updates –

Maria, CSC – NM Capital Outlay application was submitted and we are working the TIF application requesting for Warehouse funding. Application is due on March 13th but there was a recommendation to all chapters to have their application in by March 11th and the next couple of days they can submit certain documents to justify their request.

4. CHID Housing –

Maria, CSC – Mr. Tommy Badonie finally received his 2-bedroom home from the CHID Housing program. He will be getting the electricity and water hooked up and after that will come the septic and leach field. The house comes with a washer and dryer, refrigerator, electric stove, and a wood burning stove. He will have the skirting around the home and the handicap ramp build as well.

We were actually in phase three but because of Zenni Homes closing and all the issues with them, our chapter was moved all the way down to phase five. The next 3 applicants receiving a home will be in phase six so they need to lookout for their award letter in the mail. So, 4 community members were selected for our chapter. We were told phase six should be kicking in during the summer.

5. NAPI Food Distribution -

Maria, CSC – Food Distribution was received Tuesday of last week. 481 bags of potatoes, also pinto beans, and blue and yellow corn meal. 286 were given out to the community so far, so there is a lot more to go around. We understand people who received the food items are now selling these items to the public.

Other updates: Tom Toney Jr was hired as the new heavy equipment operator and he was trained on how to maintenance the heavy equipment. The backhoe and grader were maintenance for the year and we are working to get the old backhoe back up and running.

Administrative Resolutions Requested: Unhealthy Food Tax in the amount of \$15,996.00, February Financial Statement, Approving the new heavy equipment operator, Mr. Tom Toney Jr., Budget transfer for Fund 13 student financial scholarship, Budget transfer for Fund 15 FICA taxes for the laborers, and office specialist.

Announcements: March 9 is our ASC staff meeting and March 10th CLUPC, Officials, and CSC will be in Farmington for training. On March 11th, we will be hosting the Navajo, Gallup Water Project meeting Eastern Agency. On March 12th, I'll be at Twin Arrows for the new process on how to clock in and out for work. The TIF deadline is on the 13th, but for the chapters it's on the 11th. On March 21st, chapter will be hosting a 5K fun walk and run with Special Diabetes Program.

Mike Begay – Asked if the chapter will be certified after the audit?

Maria, CSC – Let's say we close out at the end of March, we have another 6 months to implement our revised processes. The auditors will come back at the end of the 6 months to review our processes again. After that, auditors will be reviewing our processes for another year. Then we can request for certification.

6. Rural Addressing –

President Bitsilly – This project is being finalized with SDR, the subcontractor. They will be providing the final road mapping and addressing. No date was mentioned as to when the contractor will be done but once it's done, the chapter will be providing training on how the numbers/signs will go up on your homes and streets/roads.

***Red Willow Farm Report:**

1. Red Willow Farm Projects –

Geneva Begay – States 5 farmers have signed up for 2 acre plots this year and Department of Agricultural is requesting for monthly reports. We need to expend the funds we received and Mr. Casey Begay has made some suggestions on what the RWF can do to get farmers to farm and to expend the funds. We also have Hazel Tohe who has grant funds and is interested in education the community on the benefits of farming. Another suggestion is storytelling; Dine storytelling was provided here at the chapter by Mr. Paul Long and I believe he provided valuable information to our community. The other is possibly tapping into the junk food tax to purchase some wind breakers and seeds. We want to work with the Senior Center and the Headstart to plant in the raised beds in front of the chapter house. We want to continue educating our community about planting and farming. Each year is a learning experience and trying new techniques to improve your farm.

***Grazing Officer's Report:**

Current grazing updates -

Grazing Office Moore – In reference to livestock inspection and sells, new requirement is that the NN Department of Agricultural will no longer be doing inspections and it's now left to Resource Enforcement. Make sure you have all the requirement documents to sell your livestock. If you want to schedule an appointment for early inspection with them you can. The auction will be open on Tuesday in Cortez. In Belen, there auction is on a Friday and you would need to make an appointment with the Resource Enforcement. If you are going to Holbrook or Sun Valley their auction is on a Wednesday. The number to Resource Enforcement is (928)871-7336 or 6491 or 7041 which will get you in touch with dispatch. The dispatch is located or received at Fish & Wildlife.

The chicken flu Update: A lot of the disease come from wild birds which will infect your backyard chicken flock. It was discovered that the hatchery flu is also being transported into the dairy cows.

*** Veteran's Report:** No report given

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution to approve the Unhealthy Food Tax in the amount of \$15,996.00.
2. Resolution to approve the February 2026 Financial Statements.
3. Resolution to approve the new heavy equipment operator, Mr. Tom Toney Jr.
4. Resolution to approve a Budget transfer for Fund 13 student financial scholarship.
5. Resolution to approve a Budget transfer for Fund 15 FICA taxes for the laborers, and office specialist.
6. Resolution to support the objection of the Government Development office to expedited the Reform Proposal.
7. Resolution to request for New Mexico Mining and Mineral Department on public comment extension for mining operation and reclamation plan and request for public hearing on permit for La Jara Mesa Mine.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Red Willow meeting on February 10th. District 14 Grazing Meeting will be on Wednesday at Mexican Chapter at 9am.

IX. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING DATE: March 18, 2026 @ 10:00am

X. ADJOURNMENT: 2:43pm

Submitted by;



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