



THE NAVAJO NATION

TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 20, 2026

- I. Call to Order: Time: 9:16 am Roll Call: 5 Invocation: Elvis Bitsilly
- II. Approval & Reading of Agenda:
Motion to accept agenda: Fern Spencer 2nd: Priscilla Duncan Vote: 4-0-1
- III. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Motion to accept, waive and read on your own:
Motion: Fern Spencer 2nd: Pernell Halona Vote: 4-0-1
- IV. Old Business:

A. Community Land Use Plan, Latasha James, DCD Senior Planner

*Elvis Bitsilly – Latasha will not be here today, we've been tackling this for some time now, we'll cover the last part of the documents we have accumulated up to our last meeting and what was recommended to us by Latasha James, DCD Senior Planner, she's been helping us with the process of the 5 year plan renewal, we're on the verge on getting that completed, cover any comments or questions on where we are on that, Delphine has completed most of the documents and what she has, file document folder that's put together, she'll give us information what she has covered, I was asked to print out a rural addressing map and I get one printed, I do have one but it has a different listing; *Delphine Bitsilly – our land use plan I got everything that's needed, what I didn't get was the rural addressing map, I thought I had one and I couldn't find mine, I did the title page, cover page, section one, introduction, changed the table of contents according to sections, right now it goes to eleven with the things we had to add, I don't have anything in section ten and we might go to section 10, introduction it has the prayer, vision and mission statement, our resolution for membership, plan of operation and that is all in the introduction section one, section two is existing conditions which is the land scape, animals, biological, water shed in the Tohatchi area, this section we kept from 2018, section two finished, section one and two is done, community infrastructure, this one I have to check with Latasha, I put Navajo Gallup Project Waterline, Roads, Trails, Public Transportation, this has to do with the pipeline coming right here, roads in the Tohatchi community, Navajo Transit Bus, new schedule, rural roads with the map this is section three, section four which is community and cultural context which is the vision, values, objectives and goals and we worked on this as a group previously, this is finished, section 5 is social and economic conditions, Larry Rodgers did this for us and we're thankful for him working on this, section six is the biggest section with all the commercial sites for development, I needed information for highway lighting, warehouse project, rural addressing, high school and N108 bridge, I got all that information and added to section six, in back there's a resolution for ICIP projects of the top three projects which are 491 highway lighting, first responder substation and warehouse, I don't know if Latasha would want this in the appendix, section seven community facilities, plan public spaces and buildings in Tohatchi, section eight community process and engagement, this is the old section 5 and I don't think we're going to use this but I'm not sure so I put it in section eight, Latasha asked me to come up with our own community process and engagement, last meeting I took pictures and wrote out a summary of our meetings, I went

through all the meetings we had starting in 2023, all the meetings we had and work sessions meetings all the way to last month, section nine is historical timeline, from the First World to today, we added things from 2018 to 2026, added the chapter officials in section 9, section 10 has no information, section eleven is strategies and recommendations and put at the end, it included chapter boundaries, road maps and Red Willow, Lee worked on the references, and deleted a lot, this is what we have now, appendix – Latasha said to put the resolutions and supporting documents here, I have resolutions for highway lighting, first responder, warehouse, rural addressing, the bridge and ICIP resolutions, these are all in the appendix, these are not back to back printed, once it is printed back to back it will be thinner, what is missing is the rural addressing map, she also wants us to develop a plan for rural addressing, the Thoroughfare she wanted us to add rural addressing and transit bus schedule, I had a question on that one and I'm going to go see her for this, I called Donica and she is still going to help us out with the print, she wants to know who to write the check out to and the cost, I haven't respond back to her, this is the update on the manual, we're almost there, any questions; ***Fern Spencer** – what was ten going to be about; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – it's empty now, we may put the strategies and recommendations as section ten, move section eleven to ten and have ten sections; ***Fern Spencer** – number two was what; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – existing conditions, I needed pictures for rural addressing and I took those, I'll add it to rural addressing section, according to our timeline here, July Draft LUP which we have here, public hearing one, 60 day comment period starts date, when do we do the public hearing – during the draft process then we do the 60 day comment period; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – what timeline do we have to put it together from the last one, the calendar we put together; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – for the month of July timeline is Draft LUP, public hearing one, 60 day comment period starts date, August/September public hearing two, chapter resolution – approving LUP, Legislation sponsorship, RDC recertification; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – committee are we ready, we have a draft, our first public hearing we mentioned for this month it's already the 20th, we can start August 1st, I think we need a couple more weeks, end of this month, extend our timeline; ***Fern Spencer** – end of this month, next week; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – there's ten more days to end of July, we're not meeting again until August 18th, we got to set up something for August and continue on with our schedule, I think she'll have the manual ready by, after Delphine meets with Latasha, it may be until end of this week or end of next week; ***Fern Spencer** – move the CLUPC meeting up to August 11; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – recommendations and everything else has to happen, we follow the schedule we have, we should have a final draft copy by the end of the month and we have it here, it's just that Delphine has to put it together, she's only missing rural addressing map and I have that; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – going through our meetings from years past, August 22, 2024 it says there was a first public hearing, survey was given out; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - I would remove it, it wasn't a public hearing, it was an informative meeting; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – I'll delete it, I'm going to email Latasha and ask her when I can meet with her, depending on when she can meet with me, when we review it and if there's anything that we need – additions or deletions, I will email you guys, I think we can still leave the meeting at August 18th, if anything changes where we have to meet sooner I will email you guys, I'll check with chapter and see when there's an available date, if it's before the 18th I will email you guys, if she says we're fine and get those documents, I'll get the rough draft printed back to back, I will go back and delete the page numbers, I'm not going to print one for everyone, we can share our copies with you, I'm going to print the draft for me, Elvis and Latasha, I'll have the copy on my flash drive, like we said lay out the sections and we review the sections, I think everything is in place, a few more documents and we're done, after the meeting maybe you guys can look at these; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we're saying after August 18th we can have our first public hearing for the final draft; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – yeah, I want to check with Latasha first if she says this is all okay, I'll print the pictures, the rural mapping or the roads, if I get those before I go see her I can add to those sections or take it with me, when she sees it she'll tell me what section to put it in, if she says yes the draft is ready to go, I will email you guys and see if we need a work session or wait until the 18th and plan for our first public hearing; ***Fern Spencer** – I think as soon as you can get whatever information you need from her, Latasha, we are going to get it out as soon as we can even if it's before the 18th; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – let's get it done by fall session, when is it, October; ***Priscilla Duncan** – just say September and we'll have it ready; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we should have it ready September; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – when they go to fall session we can say

here is our LUP manual, we can have it ready before because we have to get it printed, deliver to them one week before they go in to session; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – it doesn't go to council, just the committee; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – I know it goes to RDC, we can all go to the council chambers; ***Fern Spencer** – who is head of RDC; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Brenda Jesus, they are a pretty good group, they will ask questions, we will all go and be there as the committee, our council delegate has to be there and be the one to sponsor it also the chapter president, officials; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – we have to let our council delegate know ahead of time, this is our plan and we need you there, of course he'll get a copy, get about 15 copies – we all get one, for Lee, a copy for the chapter and the RDC people, when it's all done I'm going to leave a flash drive with these folks here, the next CLUPC members in five years will look at the work we did; ***Fern Spencer** – or copy to a flash drive for each of us; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – you guys all have you own flash drive, the very last final copy I'll put on your flash drives and you all will have a copy; ***Priscilla Duncan** – good job, thank you; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we'll look at what Delphine has when she comes back, see where we are with the documents after meeting with Latasha, we may meet before the 18th so we can start our first public hearing in middle of August, it doesn't have to be two or three later, it can be back to back or a week later, ten days later for second public hearing, no timeline, it's presenting to the community on the first one then who didn't come the first one can come to the second one, it's protocol, thank you Delphine for all the work you are doing and everything else you are putting together for us, as well as the committee and getting together to put things together, thank you good work.

B. Rural Addressing Final- Training and Installation Plan

***Elvis Bitsilly** – Doncia Sharp, SDR, waiting on final plan from them for Rural Addressing, Google Map was still pending regards to getting their approval and that approval, I have to follow up on projects with entities, the documents and information came through, the sign material is here and some in the chair room, the posts are in the warehouse that will go on the highway, roads, turn offs, a lot has happened within the last 30 days, we were going to turn this over to the chapter which is has been somewhat but no man power to install or do this process, I could've ask Maria and her staff to get the students to put this together like the signages, labels and everything else but with the timeframe from the first group and second group, Maria has other assignments for the students but it didn't work out, some things were missing she had or I had and now I have, the delivery came with the signs, I sent you all the email, we'll watch and is about 10 minutes each, we accepted volunteers from our last planning meeting, not sure who volunteered here in the room; ***Fern Spencer** – we were told not to volunteer and they had it covered; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we took names for volunteers, who said it was covered; ***Priscilla Duncan** – Maria; ***Fern Spencer** – now they have workers; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the students last day is this week, we won't have time for it, we don't have PEP as well there's no money for them, we took names from our planning meeting and those are our volunteers, it was mentioned we do have some help from the chapter pending budget, they will hire the three boys that were laid off for two weeks to work on two home renovations – porches, or handicap, and that's all the money left for this year, no money for PEP, the two lady staff will not be working after this week, all funds have been expended, I think we can volunteer and we accepted that, I think there were six people who volunteered, Priscilla, Delphine, Fern, not sure about Pernell; ***Fern Spencer** – I was there and Lorraine Manuelito; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the part we can do indoors is putting all the signs together, the placards, that would take two three hours, maybe four, describing and pointing out the signs, number labels and screws: ***Fern Spencer** – those are the only ones we have when the people came to designate their area, or it for the whole community even though they didn't show up at the meeting; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – yeah, this is all the roads we identified and we went through it, and that's all the labels we did, that's how they will go up, no Navajo names, all English spelling, I have the list of all the streets, turns, numbers they go to, we have to identify where they will go, there's the GPS numbers and we will use if we need to, we will go off the map we have, it's pretty basic if we go off the map, you will know whose turn off is this direction and they have been identified, we will match this with the signs with what's on the map for the community, how we are going to do this will be up to the volunteers even if we get workers, we will coordinate with everybody and how to do it, I think Cody is a volunteer, we need man power, we need to put up the post and put the signs up, we have to install the post at the roadway, residence's location, let's say there's a Y, there has to be a post

there, some will require this and others will be basic, the video will give you that information, we go out there and learn as we go, question is where are we going to start, are we going to start from the north at McKinley line then work our way back to the south, or start from Mexican Springs boundary line then come north, do we do rural community first or start here in town and do all the streets; ***Fern Spencer** – what about those people who are getting these signs, can we volunteer them; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – no; ***Fern Spencer** – why not; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – because we are going to bring them here to train and show them how to do it, it's not going to happen, they can help us at their locations if you want them to help; ***Fern Spencer** - it's their chapter and we need to get them to come out and help; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we don't have labor; ***Priscilla Duncan** – access money; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - it has to be those of us here who know these locations and know where they will go, it can't be anybody out there because it will be time consuming, trying to identify the locations, we don't have to do this right away, take it step by step; ***Fern Spencer** – how did Coyote Canyon do theirs, did they get it done; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – I don't know; ***Pernell Halona** – when we first started this they said they were going to take care of it, now it changed again and we have to volunteer to do it again, that was the whole plan for them to pay for it and get it done; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – if you guys want to wait and let someone else to get paid for it, we can wait until next year; ***Fern Spencer** – we've been waiting for this; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – that's why I'm saying we have to volunteer to do it, no PEP, we have no help from the chapter right now; ***Fern Spencer** – when are they going to get funds for PEP; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – October 1st; ***Priscilla Duncan** – you mean they won't be working until then; ***Fern Spencer** – is there any way to transfer money between the accounts, I thought that's the thing they did if there's so much money in one account and transfer to whatever, is that your job as chapter president; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – no, it's micromanagement, we talk about it at the table at our staff meetings, those funds have been expended, they have been working throughout the year already and the money didn't last, money runs out about this time of the year and it shouldn't happen, it should last up till end of September, fiscal year ends, why are we running out of money every year and it shouldn't be like that, we need to stretch our dollars so it will last throughout the year so the kids and staff can be working, yes Maria did pull money from sales tax to get the three boys back to work on the homes, two work orders pending and we want to get them done so those families don't have to wait until October 1st or later, resolution on Wednesday to get it approved, SDR might have said they can do it, Rural Addressing said they can get it done, they don't have staff or man power, I'm assuming other chapters have had volunteers, we can do this and it will take some time, there will be some delays and we can work around that, we can work on putting the signs together, our community has been asking for this for years and we need to do this, rural addressing and this letter is for families who will get their rural addressing put up, all families will be getting their official notice, it will have their house number on it, for example 313, it's my mom's house number, everyone who has a house number will get a letter and it has their number on it, once they get their placards on their house and road signs up and that is what they will get, these are all the road signs, the letter will tell the residence this is your E91 location and address and it came from SDR, there's over a thousand and will print them, it's a process; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – on rural addressing I know people want to get paid to work, when we say volunteer you should come in to do service work and don't expect to get paid, people don't understand that, there's a difference, I do a lot of volunteer work and I don't expect to get paid, if we get one to two people and say can you come help with the signage for our community, help us we need help to do this project, I think we can get people to come help us, people can help if we go and ask, we can do this and I think we should start in the community and then work our way out, working out there we might need things from the chapter and being closer to the chapter it's easy access and go back to the area we are working at, we can bring food for the volunteers and I think they are appreciative of just having that, it doesn't always have to be about money, yes we can pay them if we have the money, to volunteer is to volunteer your time, we need man power, maybe the PEP workers can help, we can ask, there are ways to do this, letting them know ahead of time, we have one thousand homes and how many are we going to tackle in a day, be aware of homes that have dogs, tie up their dogs and they must also keep us safe; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – watch videos on Rural Addressing signages, how to put the adhesive sticker on the placard, how to smooth out air pocket, plaque in a warm environment, we can put it together, leave in a room temperature; **SDR** – watched videos for address placard assembly by Nancy and second

video is instructional video by Tyrus; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – once you do a couple homes you'll know how to do it, the confusing part would be the Y's but you'll have a post at the Y with the numbers on it then put the placard on the house; ***Priscilla Duncan** – I have a question, this dates back to December 2nd 2025, we all came here to meet with the supervisor or the lady who is doing the rural addressing, she gave us these numbers, Navajo 9507 is our road number, this is my house number 141A, 141B is the hogan, the numbers are different, I'm thinking how are they numbered, this is the Mitchell's Kevin's mom; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – you want to check right now; ***Priscilla Duncan** – yes, I'm confused, when I make my signs which 9507 and where do I put these; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – your road number will be; ***Priscilla Duncan** – 9507 and it's Power Lane and Power Line road already taken; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – do you see it on the list; ***Priscilla Duncan** – I only see 9507; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – that will be your road number, looked at the mapped for 9507, put signs up in phases and work our way around the community; ***Orlinda Nez** – the time the lady was here, she was asking us what we wanted to name our main road from the highway to the houses, we gave her the names we wanted, are they going to do away with the names and do numbers; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – they have the road names with the numbers on it, this is the final list, this gives us the road number and house number, gives us the GPS location of the house, this information should be exact with what they put together for us, those of you who came and not everyone came, what they recommended at the time – a road name, you couldn't have a family name, they deleted that, used name everyone agreed to and that is what's on the list, no Navajo spelling name; ***Orlinda Nez** - Horse Trail Road, not on the list; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – has it changed, where is it located, pass Buffalo Springs; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – showed the map on the screen for Power Lane road, who all live on Power Lane, showed the map on Hot Springs Road houses and beyond Hot Springs, showed map for Buffalo Trail with the house numbers; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – this is Ansley Curley, we're going over Rural Addressing, our final package they sent to us, going over our placards, signs and numbers; ***Fern Spencer** – did they deliver the ones to Coyote Canyon, they're done; ***Ansley Curley** – Coyote Canyon is done, everybody received a letter from the chapter president and company president, they did a joint letter, they put up the placards on the houses; ***Fern Spencer** – do you know how long it took them; ***Ansley Curley** – I can't say how long it took; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – you got your homes identified, Burbank's, do you want your rural number, showed map on Power Lane for Natalie Guild; ***Natalie Guild** – yes; ***Priscilla Duncan** – guiding Chair Bitsilly on the screen to find Natalie's home on the rural addressing map; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – there's no home structure, these are the only three with numbers; ***Priscilla Duncan** – Roxy's trailer isn't on there; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – is there a trailer there right now, do you live there; ***Natalie Guild** – yes there's a trailer, no I don't, no homesite right now; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – there won't be a number for you; ***Natalie Guild** - my sister's trailer is there, Roxanna Becenti, behind the camp where Allen and Jerry live; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – I don't think they identified, if it looks like no one is living there, I don't know what they did when they did the surveys, they identified the homes that are there, you can always add on and we can do that, don't use the letter I gave you it's an example; ***Ansley Curley** – what remedy is available to those families who do identified housing maybe potentially isn't necessarily live in currently but could be occupied in the future to be counted on rural addressing, the point of rural addressing was to capture all the structures so that if public safety, emergency personnel were needed at a location they can identify and wrap themselves to that location, rather than try to guess, question would be what recourse or remedy would a community through CLUPC or chapter administration add a addressing for the one offs for the future, as the contract goes there should be a clause that has these one offs that need to be captured for this community or one of the others, the whole contract covers the extend of the Navajo Nation, that's what I would ask, how the CLUPC would work with the vendor to ensure the information is updated and captured to the Nation; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – there will be others, when the vendor who is SDR did their surveys, they went out to all the locations, they saw the homes people were living at, at the time they saw people at a location where no one living at and by passed them, they can always add on, we'll contact SDR and Navajo Nation Rural Addressing, they will be the ones to do this for the families in any community and make those adjustments, furnish the placards and other items, we do have extra materials; ***Ansley Curley** – I ask this question because the usefulness of the information is in the data itself because the data base will say this is important only because as everybody in this room knows Tohatchi plus the entire district is trying to request funding for the emergency station,

showing what exists in the community as far as structures go will drive again the argument that the district as a whole needs fire, EMS, police, those services here within the community, whatever numbers that support that and grow those numbers, that will support the leadership that is trying to get emergency services, if there's a mechanism to increase the numbers I would try and push that, keep those numbers updated to drive your argument for GPS services even more; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we can add to that number 1,007 we have in Tohatchi; ***Priscilla Duncan** – if a family doesn't have a assign number to the house, who do they go see; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – come to CLUPC, we'll send then to Rural Addressing in Window Rock, the contractor vendor who did this project, I don't know how long they are under contract, I think they are here until they get all addresses done, we will contact them as well, with Navajo it will be with Navajo Nation Rural Addressing authority, they do have a website with the information; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – do we have the tools to do this job; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - yes; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – are we going in a group or separate and go to different homes, do we all have the tools – ribbon gun, ladder, shovel; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – that's what we're going to decide and plan on, you will have to all the information – the house number, it could be two different groups if that's what we want, where should be start, go in sections, phases or locations in Tohatchi, we can't go south Tohatchi then Fern's house the next day, Priscilla's the next day; ***Fern Spencer** – can we work from the North, work as a group, if one group gets it wrong, we do together, I'd say go North and come down this way, when are we going to start with this; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we can start next week to put together the signages, need a post pounder, ribbon gun, I hope people don't walk off with them, they are expensive, the posts are in the warehouse, close to 100 post and not t-posts, screws to put placards on the houses, need a drill, we can put on the fence gate if the house has a fenced area, maybe there's a wooden post they want to put it on, put on the roof; ***Delphine Bitsilly** - maybe we shouldn't give them an option, no options it goes on the house, otherwise they will be undecided; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – that's the first thing we will tell them, it has to go on the house, it has to be visible from the road, visible from the entrance; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – when you're doing this put it in the letter, state we'll post it on the front door wall, they will know when we come around and drill it; ***Priscilla Duncan** – include dog safety; ***Natalie Guild** – no cement to hold the sign down, like you said there could be thief out there; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – I was thinking that too, how is the post going to stay in the ground; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – the guy on the video said no soft sand, no rock area, we going to have to find a place to put it to be stable, if the family says our sign is down they will have to put it back up themselves and use cement, once we put it up its their sign; ***Fern Spencer** - when can we start on this; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – next week, maybe we can talk about the update from Latasha, we'll put this together and the chapter will need to help too; ***Fern Spencer** – on the 30th; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – Monday, July 27th I'm available, 9 am.

V. New Business:

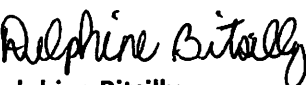
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VI. Resolutions:

VII. Announcements: NN Primary Election July 21, 2026, Tohatchi Chapter Meeting, July 22, 2026

VIII. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @9am-12n

IX. Adjournment: 11:48 am


Delphine Bitsilly
CLUPC Recorder