



June 02, 2026 10:00 A.M.

PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

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Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ahs-epsf-aep>

- I. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 10:22am**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** President Elvis Bitsilly, Vice President Lee Rodgers, Secretary/Treasurer Jean Crawford, Grazing Officer Moore, Fern Spencer: CLUPC, Priscilla Duncan: CLUPC, and Geneva Begay with Red Willow Farm.
- III. **INVOCATION:** Gerald Moore
- IV. **REVIEW OF THE AGENDA**
- V. **COMMUNITY REQUESTS:**
 1. **Aldon Francisco/Richard Becenti:** Requesting to withdraw land for an existing family cemetery which is located on the ridge just east of Chooshgai Lake. We are following Navajo Nation Land Administration's guidelines regarding existing family cemeteries. The location is on the ridge of hamburger hill where the Tohatchi cross country meets are held. The turn off from highway 491 at mile post 24 going south and about a mile along the top of the ridge. The private cemetery has been in existence for over 16 years and now, we would like to have the land withdrawn to be in compliance with the Navajo Nation Land Department.

Grazing Officer Moore – states he has already followed up in advance and has spoken with the grazing permittee, Mr. Becenti. I visited the area and got the GPS coordinates of the existing cemetery. Mr. Becenti would have to complete the application for the land withdrawal and I'll submit a letter stating there are no grazing permittees within the area.

I would also like to ask the community to let me know if you know of a family cemetery or burials which has not been identified. Also no new burial plots will be established.

Mr. Aldon Francisco – According to Land Department's guidance, if you have an existing family cemetery, the family can withdraw a 1/2 of land but it cannot be expanded. Once it's filled, the cemetery will be closed in my understanding.

Mrs. Martinez – Asked if families should be notifying their neighbors about a funeral which will be taken place at the family cemetery like they do for a homesite lease?

Grazing Officer Moore – This legislation was drafted after COVID in 2020-2021 when families were burying their family members near home. Navajo Nation put up some guidelines and regulations.

Priscilla Duncan – My understanding of the Navajo Nation legislation was to start using our community cemetery. I thought they put a stop to having family members being buried at family plots. I don't see a fence around the graves and every year when people put flowers on these graves the plastic flowers end up in our area and the animals will chew anything. I would request to have you fence the cemetery and to take care of it. Also, why did your family decide to have a family cemetery on the ridge east of Chooshgai Lake when your grandfather had all the land available to him just east of your homestead along the southside of Chooshgai community.

Mr. Aldon Francisco – The cemetery has been there for sixteen years and according to Land Department, this will be grandfathered in. This location was selected because of family animosity and which made it hard and difficult.

Vice President Rodgers – We will be re-visiting the community cemetery policy in June or July. We will definitely consider all the points that have been brought up, especially about the flower situation.
 2. **Sheryl Muskett – Turner:** Requesting for the Tohatchi Centennial Bridge near the old Post Office to be moved up to Halona Canyon so the families there can have a stable bridge to cross. We've had a

tragedy several years ago due to flooding and lost several family members. I'm making this request so my parents and other families in the area will have a durable safe bridge to cross, especially during the raining season.

President Bitsilly – Just want to mention the N108 bridge will be replaced hopefully by fall. I think a discussion on where the bridge will be moved to once it's demolition will need to happen. I've heard the request for the bridge but I believe there will be issues like the transport of the bridge up to Halona Canyon. We don't know the actual date as to when the construction of the N108 bridge will start. We will leave it up to the community as to where the old bridge will go.

Mr. Anaya – Should Mrs. Turner make that request in writing to the chapter and it should go onto the Capital Outlay projects?

3. **Dorothy Martinez** – I would like to request Housing Discretionary for an addition to my mobile home.

President Bitsilly – I would refer you to our CSC, Maria who can go over the eligibility of the Housing Discretionary funds.

COMMUNITY PRESENTERS:

1. **Catrina Alberts** – Presented on Understanding Dine Perspectives on Amphibians and Northern Leopard Frog Conservation in the Chooshgai Mountains. Catrina states she is a student at Northern Arizona University doing a project on and studying frogs. She talked about how her grandfather told her stories about frogs and how they relate to rain and bring the rain. The stories from her grandfather developed her project and the work she is doing is on the Chooshgai mountains and would like to learn stories around the Chooshgai mountain about frogs, and not just frogs but the water and land they live in and how we should steward that area. She has heard about the flashfloods and the issues with drainage around here which she is interested in because that's where the frogs live. So, if you see a lot of frogs in one pond that means it's a healthy population. What I intend to do is interviews communities around the Chooshgai mountain just to learn more who should be in charge of the water resources and how we should be handling these resources and developing a community conservation plan for the water and land resources in the Chooshgai that will in turn help other wildlife in the area. I have a resolution which I would like to present and pass at an upcoming chapter meeting. All interviews will be anonymous and they individuals will receive a \$25 gift card.

Geneva Begay – Red Willow Farm is very interested in you project and I'm wondering if you are getting any assistance from Fish and Wildlife? We have water runoffs which comes down the canal from the mountains and we need to educate our community the importance of keeping the water clear and clean. No trash dumping these canals.

Catrina Alberts – Yes, I'm currently working with Fish and Wildlife to develop this plan and hopefully with the interviews I do will inform the conservation strategic that we put together with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Geneva Begay – This will help the community as well with the Red Willow Farm and Whiskey Lake and the watershed study that is happening up there. Also, the SWCD, solid and water conservation district with Wallace Tsosie and the USDA with Treva Henio. I would be great to come to the table to meet to discuss these topics. Our next meeting is on June 9th at 1pm.

Grazing Officer Moore – How many different species do we have in this area?

Catrina Alberts – There is about 8 different species here in this area.

2. **Cody Jansen – Anaya:** Cody is a candidate for District 14 Council Delegate. She is from Coyote Canyon and a graduate of Tohatchi High School. She received my Associate Degree from UNM-Gallup and while working on her associate she served our community as Miss Gallup Inter-tribal Indian Ceremonial from 2013-2014. She then moved to Albuquerque and worked on her bachelor's degree while working at Sandia National Laboratory in the financial and project management and supported mostly had to do with silicone production and ground system for satellites. She then moved on to Los Alamos Laboratory after she obtain her bachelor's and master's in accounting and worked as a manufacture manager in a nuclear facility. In her role it pulled heavying on information and systems so she received her bachelor in information system while she was there. She has since moved back to Coyote Canyon and has been more involve with her local chapter. She passed

resolutions to get information faster and encourage the officials to do their jobs properly. She also has a resolution for the community opposing the Data Center being proposed on the eastside of Gallup near Churchrock. She states they deferred the decision but the mayor of Gallup is ready to sign off on it. She will go into more detail about this Date Center when she returns to present at the Chapter meeting.

President Bitsilly – The San Juan Water line project is still under construction and the Date Center, I believe is a Gallup problem including the surrounding communities. They should take the lead on this also the Navajo Nation Council and the office of the President and Vice President should be having an input in these discussions. I understand the Data Center will require a lot of water and electricity. It will also bring jobs to the area.

Cody Jansen – Anaya: I tagged the council delegates for each of the district that will be impacted for instance; Eugenia Charles Newton, Amber Crotty, Titus Nez, and Nathan Notah. Also, within Gallup City Council, there is only one Navajo who voiced concern and opposition because of how much it affects the land and water around it. It also impacts and contaminates the water and ground in the area.

LDA Moore – You need to include Dr. Andy Nez since the water will be going into Ft. Defiance and I believe Naschitti already passed this resolution opposing the Date Center.

Vice President Rodgers – It sounds like the San Juan Lateral will provide water to Gallup but they are making plans to dump all the water into a Date Center. Yes, the Date Center will provide jobs but money only last for so long. We as leaders need to think of our children's future and the generations after that. We will be impacted and we are stakeholders to have a say so on these AI centers. All this will take a lot of Natural Resources.

Cody Jansen – Anaya: This discussion started at Mexican Springs chapter when I asked Mr. Moore what our Navajo Nation leaders doing about this? His response was its "not being discussed right now." This resolution was created from that discussion.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford – I'm excited to see young people wanting to participate in our Nation government. I believe as a council delegate, you have to be able to write and comprehend legislations. There are a lot of issues occurring in W/R currently and we need young people who are educated to help make some of these corrections. One issue I'm constantly bringing up is the need for project managers to assist the chapters who are non-certified.

Cody Jansen – Anaya: I have a background in PMP and helps me think strategically and the time and scope and cost of everything. That's the knowledge and skill set I would be bringing and I do believe we need project managers here at the chapter level to help support their communities.

VI. REPORTS:

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

1. **LDA Sonny Moore** –When 4-corner plant was operating it was taking about 24 million gallons of water a day. Across the Nation, I think we are all concerned about water and electricity. NTUA is already increasing their power from 69 thousand to 115 thousand. There will be no more power plants so how do we generate electricity? And how are we affected with what's going on in Iran? Our gas prices have sky rocketed and this brings me to think we could be doing more teleconferencing to combat the raising gas prices. We need to be concerned, not only here but off our reservation borders. A legislation which states there is \$80 million to make all the chapters ADA complaint. If approve it will go to NABA and on to the Council session in July. All certified chapters have used up their ARPA funds and where are we at as a non-certified chapter? There is also \$521 million still sitting in W/R. Also, from my observation of the chapters, there is no substitute for not working together. I want to encourage teamwork among all the chapters in district 14 and having the officials work with the staff. As a leader you have to learn how to bridge that gap and make things work. Gambling has become an issue with our Navajo Nation and they make it very easy to place bets using the phone or internet. So we need to recognize it as a problem but there is help, just like any kind of addiction. Another one is scam calls which we get over day which we need to beware of.

Unhealthy Food Tax fund and how we can use this funding. I would suggest inviting Gloria Skeets from Bread Springs to one of our meetings and she can tell you how she expanded their transfer station to include recycling. We could use some of the funds to do a feasibility study. Also, the chapter can look into using the Sales Tax and maybe the emergency fund to make the repairs needed for the chapter kitchen and even the appliance. The Navajo Nation has a lot of money and how can we tap into the resources. We also have to think about how the Nation can bring in more money because some chapters barely have funds. Some chapters only bring in \$800 a month but Tohatchi generates around \$6,000 per month.

I would also like to request that the officials write a memo to Council Delegate Notah to ask him to look for \$850,000 to start the construction of the warehouse. Maybe funds from Siha sin to assist us with the warehouse. Also, each chapter across Navajo will be receiving \$5million and we are looking to do some road improvements or housing. We need to have the emergency response plan in place as well.

Fern Spencer – I want to mention that there will be a meeting on June 19th at Tohatchi Elementary School. I learned many of the school teachers are leaving because of all the issues not being addressed. We have 5th and 6th graders in one class room being taught by one teacher. Sometimes it's substitutes that are teaching these classes. We have a lot of substitutes working at the schools but do these substitutes know the curriculum being studied or are they just there to babysit? We have teachers who want to come back to our area. We are getting a new school soon and are we going to have enough teachers or just substitutes? The other critical area is teachers for special education We don't have enough teachers for them and that's sad. This happening at Choochai Community School as well and everywhere. Our 5 chapters need to come together and attend this meeting. I plan to be there because I want to know why we are losing some good teachers. We use to get free housing and utilities but I hear they will be putting a stop to this. That might be the reason these teachers are leaving our schools. You need to come to these meetings to find out what's going on.

LDA Moore – June 11th is the School Board Meeting and June 18th is the listening session at the elementary school. Also, I'm disappointed in UNM-Gallup, I feel they don't do very much for our students. We also need to pay attention to the Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit which was used to get Tohatchi a new high school, but what about inside the classrooms and how students are taught and learn. Here is a statistic for you, out of 100 students, only 70 will graduate. We need to get involved with our schools.

The Colorado river is going down and it produces hydroelectricity and we got to keep the water level up, if we don't it will affect 155 utility companies in the Southwest. If they can't produce electricity and the demand will go up.

President Bitsilly - the emergency plan you mentioned, we are currently working on that. I don't know if you are asking for district 14 emergency plan or the chapter's emergency plan? But the chapter already has an approved plan. Also, the transportation legislation that was passed about 2-3 weeks ago was for \$3.5 million for district 14 chapters and we were allocated \$300,000 for highway lighting, Tohatchi, Mexican Springs, and Twin Lakes. \$500,000 will go toward the cost of a bulldozer. They also added \$1.5 million to the legislation to make it \$5 million. We have not discussed how that \$1.5 million will be spent. There is also a legislation for certified chapters which is regarding Senior Centers who have \$148 million sitting over at DALTEC. Budget and Finance is trying to make amendment to this legislation to allow certified chapter to move DALTEC responsibility to the Department of Community Development, then the certified chapters can spend the money. Our Senior Center here has \$150,000 which has not been utilized or spent which is off of that some legislation. They are also

allocating fund for the election which will be coming soon. They also have in the same legislation, funds to make chapters to become ADA compliance. It is confusing because it's two different topics.

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

1. Auditor's Review Update:

Maria, CSC – The auditors are reviewing all the records they obtain from the chapter along with the gift cards from Home Depot. Due to graduation ceremonies and the Memorial Day holiday, several have been out of the office. Hopefully, we can closeout at the end of June 2026.

2. Chapter Emergency Response Plan –

3. NM Capital Outlay & TIF Proposal Updates –

The ICIP opens on July 6th and we plan to submit for a work truck and an RWF project.

3. CHID Housing –

President Bitsilly – We had 3 homes that have been delivered and setup and we are expecting a 4th home which is pending.

4. Sihasin Fund approval for chapter flatbed purchase –

President Bitsilly – The chapter received a new flatbed about 2-3 weeks ago to haul the backhoe.

6. Bike Trail Project –

Maria, CSC – Bid open May 12-22nd Bid was open on 05/26/2026 but no bid came in. So documents were submitted to DOJ again for approval for Sole Source. Currently waiting on DOJ's response to Sole Source Project.

7. Rural Addressing –

President Bitsilly – We are waiting on google to make the final approval to enter our physical addresses. We do have the materials to put up the street signs but we have not heard back from the subcontractor.

***Red Willow Farm Report:**

Geneva Begay – I want to mention our tree planting workshop has been moved from June 18th to June 25th. We have 16 holes already dug at Red Willow for the windbreaker trees. The workshop will be given at Red Willow Farm. We've been working with Water Resource and they came out with a grader to level some plots for some of the farmers. We also had a backhoe at the Farm to clear out some of the rabbit brush. We have \$50,000 from the AIF fund and wanting to use that on the portable building. Sam Natonnab is working on insulating the pump house to prevent pipes from breaking during the winter months. We also would like to ask the chapter to submit for a Solar ICIP project for 2026. As you know farming is coming into a new era. We also will have a weather station installed which will sit on a tripod at Red Willow Farm. Every 5 minutes it will tell you on your cell phone what the weather will be like. It will be collecting data for many years to come. The data will be very important when applying for grants and everybody will have access to the data. Fish & Wildlife and climate change, they are already farming using AI. An example would be using your phone to turn the water off and on. It looks like AI will be doing the work for us, but we will still be hands on and educating our community on the techniques of farming. The headstart program gave out seeds to the kids to plant at home and parents are very happy with how the kids are interested in farming. Some of the education provided is on how to collect corn pollen or how to cook the produce they are growing.

***CLUPC Report:**

Priscilla Duncan – We had an in-service on May 15th to work on our Land Use Plan Manual. We had a Natasha James come out from W/R to assist us in compiling information and explain how to use a timeline. The last update on the Manual was done back in 2018. We had initially taken out some documents from 2018 but we were told it's ok to keep in the Manual. She told us not to worry about the size of the binder.

Fern Spencer - Natasha complimented us on the work we had put into the Manual and we have the Manual almost completed. We are excited to see the finished product and once it's completed the chapter will get a copy of the Manual as well.

***Grazing Officer's Report:**

Grazing Officer Moore - Buy wool and mohair, I mentioned the last time Cow Town Feed & Livestock are buying wool with a few guidelines like the wool must be cleaned with no trash or hay.

Bring in the clean wool in a plastic bag, not a burlap bag because they will be graded as they come in. Tag and belly wool needs to be in a separate bag. No black or brown mixed with white wool. We will buy your black wool at the same time we buy your white wool. Black face, churro, and colored wool are heavily discounted. I don't know what amount per pound they will be buying for the wool, but if its less than 40 cent a pound, I suggest you go to USDA to apply for the wool and mohair incentive. The other information is about the new world screw worm which effects all livestock and humans. They will locate any type of holes in livestock and humans, your ear, your nose, and eyes. The people at the border have been made aware of this screw worm. This screw worm will turn into a fly and will lay eggs within 2 weeks, so beware.

Agricultural Workshops that are coming up, Prescott, Az on June 11-12th and the cost is \$175.00 for registration. We will be having our own agricultural workshop here at the chapter on June 30th, but it has not been fully scheduled as of yet. Topics will be BIA, NN Department of Agricultural, vaccination, and in the afternoon, we will have a presentation on "drought." The schedule may change but for now it will be held on June 30th. Free registration.

Franklin Thompson – Is there a quarantine in place currently regarding the screw worms?

Grazing Officer Moore – They are not allowing any animals to come across the border. But if they do come across there definitely will be quarantines in place.

Vice President Rodgers – Can you explain why blackface, churro, and colored wool will be heavily discounted?

Grazing Officer Moore – Churro wool is very course wool, it's not fine and will be bought back at a much lower price.

President Bitsilly – Is the NN planning on doing a wool buy back as well?

Grazing Officer Moore – I'm not sure, I have not heard about a wool bought back.

President Bitsilly – mentioned that Senior Center' report was not added to the agenda when we had agreed to have them give a report during the Planning meetings just like the other chapter committees.

* **Veteran's Report:**

Laris Manuelito – commented on how we can just add things to the agenda when we feel like it, but for others, we have to go through a procedure. Today is the day American Indians gain citizenship to vote. The Planning meeting are not very organized and we don't have to have a quorum so people come and go as they please. We had a Memorial Day event which happens every year. I had a disagreement with my commander and publicizing it because some chapters have it and some don't. The importance is reminding our fallen and memorializing them. One thing we do is fold flags and there are a few honor guards who are certified from NM to fold and retire flags and get another one issue to you. Navajo Nation had their Memorial Day events as well. Treaty Day also opened up at the NN museum and I find it synonymous because I feel like our veterans are warriors and treaty was fought for by warriors and negotiated to bring our people back. We had our event at the Veteran's Park to show that we are utilizing the park. It was so windy that Rosie had to do the cooking in her home nearby. The event went well and I'm not sure how much was spent on the steaks because I didn't get a budget report nor has Rosie given me a report. I would like to ask Maria to give a breakdown of the cost. The commander had given the Secretary/Treasurer, Rosie autonomy and she gave it to Maria and staff to purchase all of it, is my understanding. I'm requesting the cost breakdown to be accountable for the cost of the food for the Memorial Day cookout.

We have 2 other things coming up, kind of controversial one aspect and exciting in the other. We are having a 2nd annual District 14 stand down. This is when all the veteran organizations in the district come together and we provided services from the NM side to assist with claims, housing, veterans' business, and disability services. I attended a NM veteran services event in Gallup and I brought up housing. The housing issue goes back in forth between Navajo Nation and NM which leaves the veteran in the middle with no housing. If you know of a veteran who may need services, or have what they think is just allergies but might have been exposed to some type of toxins, have them come in.

The applications will be back dated to the day they signed the application.

Tohatchi Veterans Meeting is this Friday and the 2nd thing is the Ft. Defiance Veteran Navy Sea Council will be here on July 10th at 10:00am.

This is just word of mouth but I have not received anything verbal or email verification from Maria to say we have been cleared with DOJ for fund usage, in terms of the catering for the stand down event or any kind of spending. I have a resolution for the district 14 stand down and one for possibility the Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Council. A resolution to present to the chapter to cost-share in providing funds for this event. This is just to cover both of us because the whole thing was about DOJ, we are under a CAP or we are too afraid to do anything so we can use our own funds. The conversation from the last veterans' meeting took so long that we didn't get to organize or talk about the Memorial Day. We barely had enough time to organize. From what our Secretary/Treasurer, Rosie said it's ok to use our funds, but I don't know how much funds are left from Memorial Day. We'll get our resolution together during our meeting which we can present to the chapter.

President Bitsilly – You are requesting for a resolution for cost-sharing from the chapter for the stand down event? Like I had mention before to the veterans to talk with Maria and she can clarify for you, but if it requires a resolution to get an approval, that fine. This request is internal so I don't think you need a resolution. I believe just a memo to Maria to get those funds expanded at the chapter. I'm surprise to hear that you don't know that DOJ came back to say its ok for the veterans to use their funds. If Maria did not get that information to you, I don't know. You probably need to follow up with Maria on the details. If it requires a resolution to get that approval then we'll do that. Submit the resolution to the Secretary/Treasurer so it can be presented at the next chapter meeting.

Vice President Rodgers – My understanding is the veteran do their resolution to us in order to make the approval but we don't need to do a resolution as a chapter, we just approve their request.

Laris Manuelito – That's my understanding too, but that's not how it sounded at the veterans meeting. It sounded like we had to go to DOJ, not for veteran's budget but for chapter administration clarification. So when I come to the chapter and I hear "go to administration," "go to chapter," "go to administration" and this is 100% avoidable. You both made the decision to keep the budget from going through, it's in the minutes, I hope.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford – Called point of order!

Laris, you are criticizing the officials.

Laris Manuelito – Yes, I am.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford – We understand what you went through and you got the DOJ approval.

Laris Manuelito – I didn't ask for a DOJ approval.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford – President Bitsilly just mentioned a few minutes ago, that everything was cleared with DOJ to use the veterans' funds. So, why are we still talking about this?

Laris Manuelito – That information was not communicated to me. When was it approved? I want that in writing to me and the commander. When I ask for things in writing I'm told to go to Maria.

President Bitsilly – That is the responsibility of the administration and they oversee the chapter's budgets. The funding as been cleared and what happen in the pass is done and over with. We are moving forward.

Laris Manuelito – We are trying to clarify this so it doesn't happen in the future. It was very ugly the way it was taken care of and I didn't appreciate that because we could have moved forward faster and quicker. So next time when we try to pass a budget at a veteran's meeting, I would appreciate that you don't question it and we get it done and get it to the chapter so we can get our stuff done.

***Senior Center Report**

Beatrice Dennison (Senior Center Council President) – Encouraging people age 55 and over to come to the Senior Center for lunch from 11am – 1pm. If a senior is unable to attend in person due to a disability, let me know or any of the staff members know so we can assist with providing them lunch at home. They will need a doctor's statement. After the application is completed and approved with the Senior Center, a family member can also pickup lunch for the individual at home. The more people we get coming into the Center to eat, the more funding the Center will receive.

I understand the Center is still waiting on approval for the new HVAC and the Senior Center at Mexican Springs is still closed but should be opened soon. They are working out of our Center to provide food to their clientele. Hopefully, the next Center to be open will be Coyote Canyon. We also learned a gazebo will be built at the Coyote Canyon Senior Center. Our Senior Center negotiated with an outside produce company from Santa Fe, NM and a cattle company from Colorado to provide fresh meat to the Center. We will also be having a Father's Day luncheon on June 17th at 11am – 1pm. Plans are to serve hamburgers and hot dog with potato salad, watermelon, punch and ice tea. We do have a sign in sheet if you would like to donate to this event. I plan to have a meeting on the Thursday before June 17th to see where we are at?

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford – As far as the HVAC is concerned, is the Center requesting for a brand-new HVAC or are they planning to just have it serviced again.

Beatrice Dennison – I'm not sure, all I hear is the paperwork for the HVAC has been submitted. I will get rejected and then sent in again. I did make a suggestion to the supervisor to ask the chapter for some funds for the HVAC system.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford – Myself and LDA Moore have been trying to contact Lesita Desiderio with DALTEC, but no response. We wanted to ask her about the HVAC system for our Senior Center and get an update on the progress. They do have funds for the HVAC.

Beatrice Dennison – There is a lack of communication between our Center and DALTEC. I know that the T&R would not accept the Center's check to purchase grocery. I understand that whoever is responsible for paying for their bill is not paying the bill. So we were not able to get our allocated food for the Center, but the produce company from Santa Fe came in and delivered fresh produce.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution for Housing Discretionary assistance for Tommy Badonie and Genevieve Thompson for a wheelchair ramp.
2. Resolution to approve 3 election poll workers for the upcoming election.
3. Resolution for a land withdrawal for a family cemetery for the family of Aldon Francisco and Richard Becenti.
4. Resolution opposing the construction of a Data Center in the Gallup area.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Laris Manuelito—I'm partnering with Bidii Baby Food, (Navajo-Owned Agricultural Cooperative) and Plan Conservation. We are working on the agricultural side of the grocery store. We are going for a big grant which created this partnership and what it is going to do is work with local producers. The frontend is they can go to plan conservation or if they want to stay with family farming, they can. If they want to move to commercial food then they will be working with Bidii Baby Food. They are working on opening a process facility. We plan to start in September. Secondly, our funding is going through the final process of underwriting for \$3 million so plan and design is going to start, 90 to 120 days from now will start the groundbreaking.

Cody Jansen-Anaya – I have a meet & greet at Coyote Canyon Chapter this Saturday from 11am to 3pm.

Everyone is invited. Bidii Chidi Food truck will be providing the food for the meet & greet.

IX. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING DATE: June 17, 2026 @ 10:00am

X. ADJOURNMENT: 1:28pm

Submitted by;



Jean Crawford, Secretary/Treasurer, Tohatchi Chapter – June 12, 2026

cc: Mr. Elvis Bitsilly, President

Ms. Lee Rodgers, Vice President

Mr. Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer

Ms. Maria Allison, CSC

Mr. Nathan Notah, Council Delegate