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TOHATCHI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Tohatchi Community Land Use Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2026

I. Call to Order: Time: _9:14 am___ Roll Call: __5__ Invocation: __Elvis Bitsilly_____

II. Approval & Reading of Agenda

Motion: Pernell Halona 2nd: Priscilla Duncan Vote: 4-0-1

III. Approval of Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes: September 15, 2026, and September 17, 2026

Motion to waive, accept as is and read on your own:

Motion: Pernell Halona 2nd: Fern Spencer Vote: 4-0-1

IV. Old Business:

A. Community Land Use Plan 60-day Comment Period – Update

***Delphine Bitsilly –** right now it's in the 60-day comment period, the manual that was put together has been in the chapter office on the table, no comment sheets in our CLUPC mailbox, the 60-day comment period ends November 16, 2026, on October 1st I went to see Latasha James our DCD Senior Planner, after the 60-day comment period, the chapter needs to do a resolution to approve the Land Use Plan for 2026, CLUPC also can do a resolution for approval the Land Use Plan but we don't have to, she wants all signatures and dates on the resolutions, hopefully the resolution will come up on the November 20th meeting, when that process is done, yesterday we did a test and uploaded the Land Use Plan in PDF format, it took about 30 minutes to upload through Google Drive, Gmail and this is where you can share the file, after the 60-day comment period I'm going to upload the final copy and send to her or I'll upload to a flash drive, she will upload file to DOJ, DOJ will review and assign it a number, then call RDC and request a meeting with them, we can schedule meeting here, I emailed Brenda Jesus, I asked how many copies we need, I talked to her staff, LDA and they did say they need 8 manuals, 6 go to RDC, 2 to staff assistants, 3 officials here, 1 for administration here, 1 for District 14 Council Delegate, looking at 16-17 manuals, not sure if you CLUPC want a manual or upload to a flash drive, I'm still trying to find out how many and I haven't heard back from Brenda Jesus or her LDA, according to Latasha James and as we move further along in November, December and depending on Window Rock, DOJ and we're looking at early January to meet with RDC, it may be sooner but we're looking at January 2027, Church Rock was going to meet with RDC in October, Church Rock withdrew their Land Use Plan from RDC and they didn't go through the hearing process, she told us to go online for Forest Lake, they were getting their Land Use Plan approved, I listened to it online, Forest Lake had 2 NAU students who worked on their data and gave the presentation on the data they gathered to the RDC, they had about 20-25 figures, RDC only had comments and no questions, they approved Forest Lake Land Use Plan, I talked to Latasha yesterday and told me that Church Rock is back on the agenda for RDC, the meeting with RDC will be in Church Rock next Monday, October 26th, 10 am at Church Rock Chapter, we all can go and listen in, all the edits from previous changes I've been changing, making sure printing is done right, everything looks good, waiting for the 60-day comment period to end then go to the next step; ***Fern Spencer –** how many pages did it come out to; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – 279 pages, I can copy it to your flash drive and you wouldn't need a manual; ***Lee Rodgers** – by the time you add in your chapter resolution it will be 281; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – possibility if we are going to add CLUPC resolution, Chapter resolution and if any public comments, adding 5-10 pages if it turns out that way or maybe less than 5 or less than 10; ***Lee**

Rodgers – is the sponsor still with us to pay for publication; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – she is, I was reminded CLUPC does have money and we might just use what is in the CLUPC budget to pay for our manual, as it gets closer to printing we will decide, we don't know how many manuals, at Forest Lake not all members were there, they gave the two delegates a copy and they sent the Land Use Plan via email to the delegates, I went there to the Legislative Services building, go see this person and decided to email; ***Pernell Halona** – get approval in January, will have a new council, pick a speaker, speaker will pick the committees, it doesn't happen in January, committees will meet and decide who will be the president, vice president and members, it takes time in January and February, unless we somehow get it done in December, it may not be until February or March**; *Delphine Bitsilly –** let's see after the 60-day comment period, it may pass right away, Latasha can get DOJ to review our Land Use Plan if she puts pressure on them, Roderick Begay is our attorney, she may talk to him every day, review Tohatchi, it may happen, pray for that specific topic and it will get done, otherwise we'll wait until next year**; *Elvis Bitsilly –** chapter supporting resolution won't happen until December, comment period ends November 16 and our chapter meeting is on the 20th, it will move to December, unless we make the request at next planning meeting, it's premature because the comment period will still be going on, we need to look at that time line, if we are going to be delayed in January then December is enough time, as long as we have the chapter resolution in place, they may have our Land Use Plan on a consent agenda and approve it**; *Cody Jansen Anaya –** she hopes you guys don't have to do this over again, is there a deadline you are trying to meet so you don't have to do the work over again**; *Delphine Bitsilly –** we hope to get this approve by next election in January or the next new Presidency and new 26th council come in**; *Cody Jansen Anaya –** having to do the Land Use Plan all over, would it have to do with your so many years between certified**; *Lee Rodgers –** 5 years, do you guys want to see public comments, does it matter to you guys at the CLUPC**; *Fern Spencer –** they didn't show up at the time, two or three of us looked at it, when we have meetings they don't come, we did it and just go with it, get it approved, she did a lot on it, the public comment, I told people to come look at the book, I'm proud of that book in what she did, move on with other things we need to get done here at Tohatchi**; *Lee Rodgers –** the reason why I questioned that is, if there are no public comments presented then we will be sitting another month for it to be approved by the chapter, which will push it into next year, if you come to the planning meeting in November and say this is what we would like to do, public comments end on the 16th, in case there are no public comments that need to be readjusted, whatever reason why if you have to approve it or not, in case you don't like to do that we would still like to be put on the agenda and we are ready to have this approved, get it approve in November and send it to DOJ, we pressure DOJ to look at it, and have it ready for RDC in December, if you guys want to wait until the public comment period is over and see if you approve it, we will let it go then accept it and it will go into next March**; *Pernell Halona –** at the planning meeting can we ask them to fill out a comment period**; *Fern Spencer –** the planning meeting for this month, we have a chapter meeting Wednesday, can we make that announcement then instead of waiting until November for the planning meeting**; *Elvis Bitsilly –** comment period is for the public to come in and give comments whether it is positive or negative, it will not hurt, 60-day comments will be accepted as it is, then goes on to next process and we decided not to have a 2nd public hearing, next step chapter resolution to approve it**; *Delphine Bitsilly –** DOJ reviews after the 60-day comment period, I'll send Latasha the LUP on a flash drive, she will download on her computer and send to DOJ, return flash drive back to me**; *Lee Rodgers –** resolution should be attached so DOJ can legally review it, it there such a thing**; *Elvis Bitsilly –** DOJ can sit on it and delay**; *Lee Rodgers –** come to chapter meeting tomorrow and announce to the people this is what is going on; ***Pernell Halona –** when we did those approvals we didn't look at those comment periods.

B. Rural Addressing – Update

***Elvis Bitsilly –** we have 2/3 signs put together according to what we were given, the house numbers, street road names, materials in storage, installation of street signs in the community we do need help, the pause on this is because of lack of help at the time and the cold weather we got, rain and flooding, I would like to get the signs posted on homes in Tohatchi, the posts and street signs along the highway to the roads that it is indicated for and it will take time, it will required some equipment to install the posts in the ground, the rural addressing maps indicate where the signs will go and we will follow, it's been surveyed and it's been

indicated by the contractor where the signs should go at turn offs to the homes, there will be number posts and number signs for different homes, summer students helped with the signs, we have the official documents, once those signs on the homes are posted, the party of that home will get a letter indicating their official address for rural addressing, home addresses in Google Maps, other chapters hired help.

V. New Business:

A. Vendors, CSC Maria Allison

***Maria Allison – I** have several complaints from the last two weeks and going on three weeks, I talked to Mr. Bitsilly about it and Delores Loretto from Environmental Health and I got her involved, we have vending going on down here every morning, lunch and sometimes towards the evening, people selling food, breakfast burritos, I have received complaints from vendors that Miss Julie Thomspon is approaching vendors telling them they are not from Tohatchi, not registered here and need to go back to Mexican Springs or Twin Lakes, they need to sell in their community, she is starting to check for food handlers permit, pink permits, it's getting out of hand, she argued with people who own a black trailer, we got involved and we talked to the guy, he stated we are here to sell like everyone else, because I'm from a different race she wants me off from here, she is telling vendors the chapter officials and administration are giving out permits to sell, I don't give permits and tell people whether they can sell there or not, this one got heated and we got the police involved, officers told Miss Thompson they can't do anything about it, they have their Navajo Nation and State permits, she told these girls who sell drinks to go sell in their community, I told the mom I can't do anything about it, I told the mom I can point you to the office you can speak to, we can only remind Miss Thompson you can't do that and this is the second incident, the third incident is the burrito ladies down there, she is asking the lady sellers I need to look at your food and your permits, the food is not hot and you have been here more than two hours, she is being the environmental specialist, they are tired of it, she is now picking on Miss Tsinnie and telling her she doesn't have her permit, Miss Tsinnie told her I rushed and forgot it, she told Miss Tsinnie you need to go get it before I let you sell here, this is happening at Post Office with two vendors who sell there, and another vendor who sells behind the clinic, I wrote a letter to OEH, cc Mr. Bitsilly, Delores responding a few minutes ago, she stated any other vendors with complaints to submit a letter, she requested a letter for the chapter to write a letter to Miss Thompson, clarifying to her she doesn't have the authority to any inspections or establish any rules regarding the vending down there, Delores said she will get Environmental Program involved and they are the ones who yes and no to who can do the vending, if I do the letter to Miss Thompson give a copy to them as well, I'm thinking should I put up a sign no Vending, people are calling and I don't know how to handle this, it's not my department, I did let the highway department, Carlos Long know because some of them sell on the right of way of the highway, he said he has complaints too, she was going to Buffalo Springs Highway Department complaining to him, she did come to the chapter and I don't know if she met with Lee and she wanted to meet with Elvis, I told her the officials don't have anything to do with the area because it is not the chapters, partial is Petroleum and Highway Department, what do you guys think, how can we handle this; ***Fern Spencer** – at a meeting way back it was about people selling, as long as you have your food handler permit and license they are good to sell, I knew that would happen because she did that to Rooster's Grill, they have their licenses, when there are ball games, there are two stands off where the post office area is, at the clinic and she sells her bread, she is only there in the morning, she's from Mexican Springs, she is Hopi and married to a Navajo, she leaves as soon as she is done, these ladies down here have been there forever, they don't bother anyone, when she comes in with her trailer and thinks she owns that place, if she sells she should sell down by her area, right now people need money, the Burbank's sell their drinks there, too, as long as they have their licenses I don't have a problem with it; ***Lee Rodgers** – she came to me, complained and I've been trying to tell the chapter officials before you guys started a long time ago, and they do nothing about it, I told the chapter administration and chapter people, now I want you guys to do something about it, I told her you have to come to the planning meeting, present it over there and then it goes on in the mean time I did my research, I called OEH and told them this is what is going on, what we are experiencing down at the chapter level, how do we handle this, they told me as long as they have their selling permit current and up to date, and their food handler permit current and up to date, it is against the law to tell Navajo you can't sell here because you're not from here, I have both a selling permit and food handler permit, you are telling me I'm from Tohatchi, I can go to Tuba City and Kayenta, Chilchinbeto, Chinle and anywhere I can sell, they said yes as long as you have your documents you can sell on the reservation, I went back to Miss Thompson, I explained it to her and asked do you understand and she yes, okay that's settled, the only thing we can do is ask OEH to come out periodically and check their food to make sure the food is up to standard, bylaw that is what we can do, we want our consumers to be getting healthy food and that is what we can do

as a chapter, she said she understood me and this was a year ago, I'd go with putting a moratorium on selling for a period, if we just let it ride it will continue, at some point they will have to stop selling right there, once the First Responders building is built it will be fenced in and there will be no access along the road, at one point it will stop one way or another, do we stop is right now or wait until it happens, do we have to bring OEH to the chapter for them to say it to us again, maybe you can do that and when the minutes come out and we can give it to her and say right here in the chapter minutes; ***Pernell Halona*** – charge them if they want to sell, they had that problem at old Twin Lakes chapter house, a bunch of vendors coming every weekend, they didn't have a problem with them coming, it was the chapter who didn't want them coming, they fenced it off and people moved to the intersection driving to the housing, easy thing the chapter could have done is have them pay and give them a spot, so you can have some control over it, if they are not there to sell legally and are causing trouble then they can't sell there, once the Fire Station is being built they will move in from of the gas station; ***Fern Spencer*** – the thing at Twin Lakes was due to the trash, I suggested going towards the lake, that area to park their trailers, yes something needs to be done, at one time at the chapter it was brought up as long as they have their licenses; ***Lee Rodgers*** – I recommend OEH come in and explain the rules to us in public to the people, have it written in the minutes then we have background information to use, if we write a letter to her from the chapter, it would sound like to officials and I are setting the rules, have something to back us up, this where it is and this how we are going to do it; ***Pernell Halona*** – bring them in to a planning and chapter meeting would be the thing to do; ***Lee Rodgers*** – I would like for them to come when we are eating to get a lot of people in here; ***Fern Spencer*** – let's see if we can get Delores to come in tomorrow; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – we don't get very many here for our planning meeting; ***Lee Rodgers*** – I think tomorrow is last minute, let's go for November's chapter meeting and we will be serving people; ***Fern Spencer*** – has she talked to you Elvis; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – yes, she stated they are taking my space, I told her it is first come first serve, that's how it is setup; ***Gilbert Manuelito*** – Twin Lakes closed because of the trash and people dumping the grease, the old chapter house is still under the chapter, it's not like out here, this is community property, does this mean we are going to control that too, another thing is get a grader to grade the area, rent the space, just like Gallup Flea Market if you want to sell go to the chapter house and pay $10, $20 for that space, how many times you have approached her, Ke', tell her don't say that everyone wants money; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – my thoughts draft a letter to Julie, chapter administration or officials, a reminder this is what we are talking about, she is not responsible for enforcing any OEH rules, we are not directing anything only a reminder, give one to who is presence, its everyone's responsibility and to be sharing that area and permits must be visible at that site, anymore incidents we will shut it down, groundbreaking ceremony in November for the First Responders, construction could start possibly in the spring, it will shut down the area, the site across the street is a pond, the right of way is responsible for New Mexico DOT which is the Petroleum area, Petroleum which is owned by Navajo Oil and Gas, they are responsible for their property, they are the ones to enforce that over there, they are creating a traffic problem on that side, someone may be responsible for the accident with the congestion there, they are selling with cars lined up, people turning off to that area or station, it's for further discussion, we don't own the property but is within the chapter, it's under Navajo Nation and with DPS and it will be their responsibility, Department of Public Safety, we do need to make plans, we don't have any rules and regulations for vendors selling in our community, something we can look at next year, if you are a certified chapter you can create policy for vendors, if you don't make a profit you want to chase other people out, this individual's trailer should not be used for selling, it is a safety hazard, there's a front door where's the exit door, if there's a fire how are you going to get out of the trailer, the main entrance will be blocked off, you need a exit door, OEH should come here and tell us what the rules are, how do we take control of it by law, by policy and we need to start putting together a policy, Vice President Rodgers, officials and staff, it will be for the community of Tohatchi; ***Cody Jansen Anaya*** – not to alienate any one, write a general letter and give to every vendor over the course of a couple weeks, we have concerns over vending areas, first come first serve, to sell here is OEH standards, have licenses out with permits, unless you write a letter, we receive your concerns as an individual and this is what we looked into, our chapter is limited on authority or a sign posted saying sell here until groundbreaking for the First Responders Station; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – a notice needs to be sent out right now; ***Lee Rodgers*** – I like the first option, not to target one individual but write a general letter on the expectations, follow the rules, give out to anyone who is down there, Maria I can help you, put up signage along with what Cody said and they will see it, add to the signage no dumping of grease, put up and be responsible for your trash, should lessen the complaints; ***Delphine Bitsilly*** – do all the vendors have their permits, there's only one vendor who has her permit on her vehicle; ***Lee Rodgers*** – what do the vendors consider two hours, do they consider two hours when they park there, for me I would consider two hours when I put the burritos in the chest, I see some get there at 6

and leave at 9, I don't know what their two hours is; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – if you're hungry you will buy; ***Lee Rodgers*** – let's get OEH in here, I would like to hear from them; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – let's get them to our planning meeting on the second, we'll do the chapter meeting.

B. Bike Trail Project – Contract Completion Progress

Maria Allison – meeting October 22 with the officials, Regina with NDOT regarding what is going on, the meeting at 8:30 am, we are waiting for IMBA to sign the paper work and turn in their documents such as their insurance and W-9 to the Window Rock office, once they receive all that with the signature, take the package to President Nygren, he will sign the final contract, once the contract is finalized by him, original copy comes back to the chapter, we review everything and make sure everything is the same, there are no changes, then we can give out the check for the project, it was sent back to IMBA in May, in October they haven't contacted Navajo Nation in turning in the documents, every Monday we send out an update, myself and Regina from Window Rock, we both send emails asking for updates, has the package been sign, has IMBA given their insurance and W-9, no respond so Mr. Bitsilly asked for a meeting and it will happen this Thursday; ***Lee Rodgers*** – they turn in the insurance and W-9 to what office; ***Maria Allision*** – CPMD office; ***Priscilla Duncan*** – since I worked in contracting with the government all these years, you say you're going to pay once you receive all these documents, for any services you don't pay until the work is done, when it passed all inspections that's when the check is issued, the project person for that project signs off on the contract and the work has been completed, I have a problem with you saying they can be paid before the project is done, what if they don't complete the project and walk away; ***Maria Allison*** – they are waiting for half to start the project, when they complete the project then the whole thing is paid; ***Pernell Halona*** – those guys were riding up the canyon the other day to my house, they needed water, gave them water, the supervisor stated they ran out of water, they should have someone driving after them with water, the bike club with about 25 kids; ***Maria Allison*** – program at the Tohatchi Mid School; ***Pernell Halona*** – should have water with you, someone has to say something; ***Lee Rodgers*** – put it in writing.

C. First Responders Review and Update, Groundbreaking Plans (Tohatchi Chapter)

Elvis Bitsilly – a recommendation by Department of Public Safety, Dr. Greyeyes to make plans for our groundbreaking ceremony on the complex to indicate to the community and to the Navajo Nation we are moving forward with this complex, a community thing and the administration agreed to that, they are planning this and I can't tell you when it will be, we are saying November, money we have for preconstruction is $6 million, we need $12 million to complete the whole construction, $4 million from TIFF, $1,050,000 from state Capital Outlay and $990,000 from Capital Outlay, we indicate to the state we are expending these dollars, Public Safety and Navajo Nation are the owners of the building, the chapter only provided the site and location, we are jointly working with them to build that facility, what we have done is request funding for the building and I think we should own the building, we have not got one penny from the Nation, all the money we received is from the state, where is Navajo Nation, November 3 we will have a new delegate and we will work with this new delegate to allocate money for us from the Nation to get it going next January, we need $12 million dollars, an application submitted for more funding to TIFF, submit a request from the chapter to Capital Outlay, meeting on October 27 with LAM – contractor, on teleconference call, they are finalizing the plan and design of the project, complete early next month, signature process after that, moving plans forward, EMTs at Chuska school, housing, Father Dale did say the EMTs have contacted him, looks like EMTs will move into the Boys & Girls club, looking at moving out in November 1st from Chuska, he will help with any maintenance cost and services they need; ***Fern Spencer*** – the groundbreaking plans, how are you doing this with your chapter officials, with CLUPC, other District 14 people since they will be utilizing the facility; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – it was brought to Maria to do groundbreaking and we are supporting them; ***Fern Spencer*** – they are providing money for this groundbreaking; ***Elvis Bitsilly*** – I don't think there is money involved, we will provide small snacks, food, and whatever else we need, there's no funding for it, it's not a grand opening; ***Fern Spencer*** – is a building that has been in the process for years, we should do something that is worthwhile, for everyone to get excited about, like the post office which was pretty good, then seal it off and it will take care of the vendors; ***Lee Rodgers*** – we are targeting November 30th, not sure of time, we want to do something simple, it's a groundbreaking to get it on the newspaper to show people we are serious about this and we need construction money, I recommended to Maria to invite Senator and House of Representative for now, when we do the dedication we can do it at a bigger scale; ***Cody Jansen Anaya*** – does the chapter or CLUPC have an official statement they are presenting, highlighting CLUPC and community members for this project, funding sources to date,

lack of involvement from Navajo Nation; ***Lee Rodgers** – nothing yet, we haven't touched on that; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - yes, there will be media exposure; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – impact on District 14; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – District 14 more than welcome to come, it's district wide project, it's in Tohatchi and we are taking the lead; ***Delphine Bitsilly** – Dr. Greyeyes stated the sooner the groundbreaking the sooner you will get money; ***Lee Rodgers** – at the District 14 meeting when we were being asked to do our reports, I told them we need help from them, District 14 for supporting resolutions for big money, no supporting resolutions to this day; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – I present templates and resolutions for chapters to use, does Tohatchi have a template I can present, to support to get more funding; ***Lee Rodgers** – at the time I made that presentation I gave out the invite, if you need a template contact us; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – I can draft one, email to you, next planning meeting within District 14 is Naschitti, I can present it there and get it started, I can present at Coyote Canyon planning meeting; ***Lee Rodgers** – the October 27th meeting is a Micro Soft, I can send you the link.

D. N108 Bridge Project Review and Update

***Elvis Bitsilly** – Daryl Bradley, Engineer at NDOT, sent an email to him and he responded yesterday, they selected a contractor, only one bid was submitted for the bridge, went out of their funding zone, the vendor was able to match money for it, NDOT completed negotiation and selected contractor, keep you posted on when we submit the construction contract through the section 164 for review process, we anticipate early November, and construction starts April 2027.

E. Cemetery Policy Review with DOJ

***Maria Allison** – you talking policy, fencing, I got a hold of Cythnia Freeman and she has other chapters she has to do, I told her you were supposed to give me an update last Friday, I called her yesterday, I need an update, she told me she was reviewing right now, I'm going through your field policy, housing discretionary and cemetery, not many changes, the field is a new policy, housing discretionary we are adding two areas, cemetery we are adding one area, let me review and I'll get back with you, I did cc DOJ, Roderick Begay and I told him there are minor input to the cemetery and housing, I want to know if it is okay, if so I need to add it to our chapter so we can do a resolution with the new policy we want in place, as I was reading it we don't have in the policy anything that states, regarding the usage of the cemetery, we don't have in there is it's only used for Tohatchi community residents, the other question asked of me is why are you closing it off to other community when you guys have a fee on it for $75.00, if you guys are going to close it off to the community then delete the $75.00 fee, rewrite in there the community request it will be used for Tohatchi community members/voters, currently we do have the $75.00 fee, if non-registered it would be for payment of the backhoe and the operator, we have to revisit that one; ***Lee Rodgers** – why are we saying that when the policy we had passed has $75.00 fee for non-residents, then a letter comes out April 25th that it's closed to all residents, my question is when did we make the changes in the chapter meeting with the people, we are doing this without the chapter meeting and community people blessing, some of the requests Maria is getting is making it's way to me, I referred to the letter that was written, I looked back at the policy and it says Tohatchi non-registered people pay $75.00 plot fee, the fee we collect suppose to be towards cleaning up the old cemetery, and possibility the new cemetery, we are doing something not blessed by the chapter; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we all made an agreement Vice President, the memo was sent out and that's why it was put together; ***Lee Rodgers** – I wasn't at that meeting, I looked through all my books and found no notation; ***Elvis Bitsilly** - it happened in April when we were getting requests from outside members to bury their family, our policy stated we don't allow it, I do have the policy here, we do need to cover it more, DOJ is reviewing what has been added to the new policy, my thoughts is to go over it again, this is coming up because another request for burial last week for an outside member for a family, I asked the administration to send out the memo to Mexican Springs, I indicated to District 14 Council that memo, we are only allowing Tohatchi members to be buried here, we are limited to our cemetery, we don't have a lot of room for burial at our site and we want to control that, it could last for 50 years, if we allow outside chapters to come in and utilize our cemetery it will increase the space, we barely got the approval from that areas permittee to approve 2 acres but we got 1.5 acres, an extension, this was coming from the previous leadership and the process they went through and we followed through with this policy, it's a sensitive area for people, we have to say no sometimes, we have this policy in hand and the chapter approved it, do we need to go back and make those amendments; ***Fern Spencer** – you talked about this at the District 14 meeting; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – I brought the memo to their attention about what we agreed to and to get it out to everyone; ***Fern Spencer** – the last time we talked about this Mexican Springs was working on their cemetery, as well as Twin Lakes and Coyote Canyon, is that still being worked on or depending on Tohatchi; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – this is what I mentioned at the District 14 meeting, the three

chapters need to start doing something with your cemetery, withdrawal, I made that recommendation to them, at one time Twin Lakes and Coyote Canyon were going to join together to create one cemetery for both communities, I don't know if it will happen, I think Coyote Canyon is working on an area to withdrawal, Mexican Springs is close and I don't know why, full plot and I think they are getting their withdrawal process going; ***Fern Spencer** – people who cremate their loved ones, I understand there is a place at our cemetery, is that correct; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – yes, there is a designated area for that, it's been identified through the policy we have; ***Pernell Halona** – are they building something for that, getting money together to make a plot for it, build a wall; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we are working and looking at it as the administration, no one hasn't request for that yet, we do need to prepare for that, Maria is dealing with the cremation; ***Pernell Halona** – several years ago when meeting with Land Department, Mike Halona was telling us that you can't charge people for the burial site because it is government land, ***Maria Allison** – charge no higher than $75; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – Coyote Canyon now has a CLUPC, Coyote Canyon cemetery received 1.2 million for their chapter and it got sent back because they didn't do anything with it the previous CLUCP, I'm on it and hopefully we can get a cemetery going, Mexican Springs Lone Pine Cemetery is closed and trying to get additional land for it, they have to pay a $750.00 survey fee and are struggling to pay it, they ask can you pay out of pocket, they were told no, Twin Lakes CLUPC, I don't know if it's a priority for them, there was that option of Twin Lakes and Coyote Canyon putting it together and having a joint cemetery, the previous Coyote Canyon CLUCP said no, the money was returned specifically for the cemetery, I mentioned this early on, this is the reason why I wanted to try for council delegate is me having issues within our family and community with the cemetery; ***Gilbert Manuelito** – what was that Pine; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – Lone Pine; ***Gilbert Manuelito** – where; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – it's full and people are burying outside of it, the heavy rain is washing out the graves alongside the fence; ***Pernell Halona** – they have that cemetery that someone started over there going off the turnoff going to Coyote Canyon, right off the hill, they were going to use that as a cemetery and said it is a flood zone, a family plot; ***Gilbert Manuelito** – I'm thinking it's a family plot for the Long's who live right there, I think Twin Lakes is trying to get a contractor to build a cemetery, they have the land withdrawn, everything is signed and dated; ***Fern Spencer** – is Mexican Springs chapter still closed; ***Lee Rodgers** – Maria I would like to go back, the question to me it seems no mention of Tohatchi residents only in current policy, but yet there's a memo that came out on the 25th that stated otherwise, I see why you are having a conflict with it as a chapter administrator, in the new cemetery policy you wrote up and sent to DOJ, is it written in there as such, it's not written in there, I see a discrimination lawsuit coming through, I'm sorry Maria you have to deal with it; ***Fern Spencer** – what do you mean a discrimination; ***Lee Rodgers** – because there is no mention of Tohatchi residents only in the current policy we have, it says they pay $75.00 for a plot fee, that's the one we passed, we have not passed a new policy that says otherwise that says Tohatchi residents only, a memo was issued on April 25th, that says otherwise, that memo is not blessed by the community people, the community people didn't vote on it, not approved by the community people; ***Fern Spencer** – was that brought up at the chapter meeting; ***Priscilla Duncan** – I remember it being discussed; ***Lee Rodgers** – I wasn't part of that discussion that's why when I heard about it and where is this coming from, I don't remember it being approved by the chapter, I remember the one we approved where it says non Tohatchi voters pay $75.00 plot fee, I remember that one and I don't remember changing it otherwise; ***Fern Spencer** – I remember when it was $85.00 for non-members, now it's 75, the thing about parents or voter members has to be put in there as well, voting members, they weren't voting members versus residents, how do you do that; ***Lee Rodgers** – to the council how do we deal with a political community members, they have a constitutional right, a fundamental right as a human being, to discriminate against them to say you're not a registered voter, tribal council and tribal administration give money based on voter registration and that's it, add to policy on how to deal with it; ***Priscilla Duncan** – the policy is being reviewed by DOJ, if we have all those questions regarding the policy why is it being reviewed by DOJ, it needs to be corrected with the addition and deletion of word regarding the $75.00 for a non-member or non-voting member to pay before burial in our cemetery, it was sent without being reviewed, now we are having questions, you think it should be pulled back; ***Lee Rodgers** – it should be pulled back, review it and send it in; ***Priscilla Duncan** – how many non-residents have paid $75.00; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we will review with administration, and follow through, see what DOJ has to report, we will make edits.

F. Housing Initiative for Tohatchi Community 2027, NHA, other

***Elvis Bitsilly** – we had a presentation from Navajo Housing Authority about three months ago, Mr. Curley from NHA, he indicated all the money they have, the application process for housing in any community on Navajo, first is to submit a chapter resolution request, we will start that in November on the 2nd, I didn't get a resolution template from him to know what we need to put in the resolution, housing by northeast clinic and area has been withdrawn, follow up

with BIA and we did have meetings with them, documents are still pending, I sent him an email yesterday and didn't hear back from him, I know that area has been withdrawn to us, the Navajo Nation, NHA will ask for these documents; ***Priscilla Duncan** – professional housing will be NHA; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – funding from NHA, professional housing was presented by the previous leadership, the funding we have come across is through NHA, they have money, to get money is through a application process which they require, we are looking at a condo complex or individual housing, it will be what NHA provides since we are applying through them, the housing behind the post office it is NHA, not limiting funds only to NHA; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – with the housing that will be provided through the NHA application process does Tohatchi have the ability to stipulate conditions on who can live within the housing whether it is community members within Tohatchi; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – it will be talked about at the table when the time comes, it won't be limited to just Tohatchi, it will be open to all of Navajo, everyone is eligible and not just Tohatchi; ***Fern Spencer** – another thing to keep our doctors and nurses here; ***Lee Rodgers** – Chair, Maria and I had a meeting with the realtor, the land was given back to the Navajo Nation in the time of Albert Hale but it was given to the President to sign the document to acknowledge they got this land back, the document was never signed, now the chapter needs to do is to ask Land Administration to look up the document, need our Council Delegate to take that project present it before RDC, they pass it and finally sign by the President, that has to be done first, it includes the tract of land over there, the tract of land across where people are starting to bring in their trailers, that shouldn't have been done, now we have to make it legal, NHA will need to give us options, what can be done, professional housing we want for doctors, nurses and teachers that don't have housing in the area, when we talk NHA we talk income criteria, doctors and nurses make more than the NHA criteria, we do want it for our professionals, we need to find a contractor who will work with reasonable prices to work with us, where do we find that, we could send out a PSA and they could come, the problem is once we give it to that project, they will claim the land forever, NHA housing, two tier, public and individual housing, if we want individual housing down road, there will be no control, look at the homesite leases people are bringing in horses, sheep, ducks, old cars, it's only going to afford a few people, 8 – 10 homes if we go individual homes, for the apartment route we can provide for more people, the young people will come back and have a place to live and work, if it's public housing then we'll get people from all over, people from Tohajiilee, Ramah, Tuba City, Kayenta, Aneth, it's open to anybody, like the public housing behind the chapter house, we get people from Rock Springs, all over and we have no control over it, we can draw pros and cons at the table and discuss; ***Pernel Halona** – the only problem with that is NHA doesn't do their job; ***Elvis Bitsilly** – we have other potential sites, one next to the trash station, airport road; ***Pernell Halona** – the airport road has been develop with NHA housing already has that; ***Fern Spencer** – people comment it was traditional land; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** – grazing permit holders to have up to date tally counts, a lot of chapters are going to have a large number of recommended grazing permits to terminate, as CLUPC as community planning there are pros and cons, there will be less grazing permit holders; ***Fern Spencer** – Julie's administration to get rid of old cars, people don't want to; ***Cody Jansen Anaya** - on your Community Land Use Plan after it gets approved by RDC, in addition you can add to your Land Use Plan approve with a resolution at the chapter, include a risk register for opportunity and threats to any land development you have, for example the funding sources for housing, NHA being one, and how you are going to act on those when they should come up.

C. **Resolutions**
D. **Announcements:** October 23, 2026, Candidate Debate, Coyote Canyon, 3:30 pm
E. **Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2026 @9am-12n,** **Monday, November 23, 2026 @9am-12n**
F. **Adjournment: 12:20 pm**

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