



TEMPORARY AUTHORIZE QUORUM REDUCTION MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2021 10:00 A.M.

TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

10:20AM

ROLL CALL:

Harry "Sonny" Moore, President, Mike Halona, Vice President, Jean Crawford, Secretary/Treasurer, Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer, Maria King, CSC, Elvis Bitsilly, LDA and Casey Begay, Eastern Agency Coordinator Laris Manuelito, Dennis Becenti, Julie Badonie, Leon Harvey, Virginia Harvey, Dorothy Bitsilly, Delphine Bitsilly, and Marvin Begay.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Elvis Bitsilly – LDA for Delegate Halona.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Sonny Moore – Agenda was read out loud and e-mailed to officials, CSC, and Committee members.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2020 QUORUM REDUCTION MEETING MINUTES

Motion to read on your own.

Motion: Julie Badonie

2nd Elvis Bitsilly

Vote: 6-0-1

PRESENTATION

Mr. Elvis Bitsilly, LDA- Delegate Halona is currently in committee meetings this morning. Mr. Bitsilly had a teleconference work session with Naschitti Chapter. Recently, the legislation 309-20 which pertains to the heavy equipment purchase plan was passed by NN Council and is now in President Nez's office for his signature. He has 10 days to approve the legislation. We are hopeful and looking forward to the President's approval.

The NN Hardship Assistance Program was approved and checks are being distributed per memo from the controller's office. Distribution started on January 18th, but due to holiday distribution actually started on the 19th. There were 15,000 recipients who request for at "will call" which meant they would be picking up their checks at a designated location in Window Rock, but a location has not been identified and these people will have to wait a little longer to pickup their checks. The amount being distributed is \$1,350.00 for Adults and \$450.00 for children.

The state legislation is currently in session in Santa Fe, NM. Capital Outlay projects have to be submitted by 02-02-2021. The on-line portal is also available. Deadline is 02-11-2021. Community Development is giving a heads up on time line.

Question: Laris has 2 questions. 1) Top priority should be the Safety Complex 2) Any requested amount for public safety building going to legislation? Support is still there from legislator and our senator and we need a strong push to get the building demolished and ready for construction of Safety Complex.

Sonny – I will be discussing the priority list with the new officials and Safety Complex will be high on the list. The Warehouse needs to be re-visited, check with me later this week or next week. I have meeting scheduled with the NM Capital Outlay and have people assisting with the Safety Complex.

Julie – Resolution was in place back in July 2020 for this project. Question for Mr. Bitsilly, was forklift added to the list. She had sent e-mail to Mr. Bitsilly requesting forklift be added to list. Mr. Bitsilly states he did not see the e-mail until after the fact.

Heavy Equipment currently on the list: Backhoe, Gooseneck flatbed, Farm tractor, Tractor Trailer and

attachments, and surveillance cameras.

NEW BUSINESS

November and December 2020 Financial Report – Provided by Maria, CSC.

Balance sheet and cover sheet were e-mail out to officials. Financial Reports are posted at the Chapter House monthly. The Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation, the Wells Fargo Bank Statement, and the Check Register were covered. Balance sheets show books are in balance. The Bank deposits were also reconciled and were all accounted for, for Nov and Dec 2020. On Balance Sheet for Nov Fund Balance totaled \$528,864.97 and Dec \$502,433.80. Wells Fargo Cash Account Balance for Nov \$332,373.57 and Dec \$308,815.79.

Motion: 1st Marvin Begay 2nd: Dennis Becenti **Vote:** 6-0-1

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution# 029-01-2021** - to Approve Wells Fargo Bank Authorize Signature(s) and Wells Fargo Commercial Electronic Office:
No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Leon Harvey 2nd Marvin Begay
Vote: 5-0-1
2. **Resolution# 030-01-2021** - to Approve Rescinding the Former Elected Officials Signature for Wells Fargo:
No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Marvin Begay 2nd Dennis Becenti
Vote: 7-0-1
3. **Resolution# 031-01-2021** - to Support and Approve Appointment of Grazing Officer to the Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC). President, Byron Bitsioe, Vice President, Mike Begay, Nathan Notah, member, Dennis Becenti, member.
No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Leon Harvey 2nd Dennis Becenti
Vote: 5-0-1
4. **Resolution# 032-01-2021** - to Approve the Purchase of Audio Equipment for Meeting Room:
Received 3 quotes went with lowest bid \$6,321.20
Powerline Tech: 1st \$9,308.54 2nd Insight Tech: \$6,321 3rd Did not receive bid
Theses quotes will be attached to the resolution.
No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Dennis Becenti 2nd Marvin Begay
Vote: 8-0-1
5. **Resolution# 033-01-2031** - to Approve a Recommendation to Permanently Appoint Chief Justice: Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly and her daughters Delphine and Virginia express their gratitude to everyone for their support of their daughter and sister, Chief Justice Ms. JoAnn B Jaynes. Chief Justice grew up in Tohatchi and went on to pursuit her career. She will help strengthen the NN as well as the Tohatchi community. Mr. Halona, Vice President suggested to add language to request Delegate Halona to introduce this resolution as legislation. Currently working with family on this resolution.
Motion: 1st Delphine Bitsilly 2nd Leon Harvey
Vote: 11-0-1
6. **Resolution# 034-01-2021** - to Approve the Recipients Requesting for Housing Discretionary Funds 09:
1st Lillian Barney for \$1700 Lowest Bid from Bubany 2nd Theresa A. Etsitty for \$1700 Lowest Bid from Home Depot.
No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Virginia Harvey 2nd Leon Harvey
Vote: 8-0-1
7. **Resolution# 035-01-2021** - to Approve the Recipients for College Financial Assistance Funds 14:
No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Leon Harvey 2nd Laris Manuelito
Vote: 9-0-2
8. **Resolution# 036-01-2021** - to Approve the Quarterly Revenues for 4th Quarter in the Amount \$2,134.04:

No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Leon Harvey 2nd Virginia Harvey

Vote: 8-0-2

9. **Resolution# 037-01-2021** - to Approve Purchasing Fuel from Speedway (Tohatchi) and Four Rivers Repair Using Fund 03 and Fund 25: Tank behind the Chapter which holds diesel fuel was determined to be dirty fuel causing damage to heavy equipment vehicles. Cost of repair has been substantial. Policy with vehicle/gas log was drafted by Sonny Moore for the purchase of fuel from Speedway.

No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Leon Harvey 2nd Dennis Becenti

Vote: 9-0-1

10. **Resolution# 038-01-2021** - to Reauthorize Chooshgai School to Operate as Grant School: Mr. Frank Chiapetti, Chooshgai School Principal, states school is working toward school safety by doing virtual classes. It has been a challenge during this pandemic. School provided chrome books to students but internet has been a big problem. 92% of student are connected the other 8% need internet connection. School is also dropping off weekly academic packets along with food boxes for students. Mr. Chiapetti is encouraging his staff to get vaccinated. School is still following through with required testing. There were 68 audit findings when he came aboard, now it is at 3 and shooting for zero. School is showing growth in proficiency and have high expectations. Currently has 5 board members all from District 14. Mr. Chiapetti also states they have fire department which consists of voluntaries and a certified fireman which was approved by the School Board and the county. They now have permission to take fire truck off campus with MOA in place with County.

Motion to Approve: 1st Laris Manuelito 2nd Leon Harvey

Vote: 9-0-1

11. **Resolution# 039-01-2021** - to Approve Budget Transfer for Waste Disposal:

No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Dennis Becenti 2nd Marvin Begay

Vote: 9-0-2

12. **Resolution# 040-01-2021** - to Support the Feral Horse Round-up and Entrapment for Fiscal Year 2021: Dorothy Bitsilly states she is currently having problems with feral horses on her homestead. Mr. Gerald Moore, grazing officer requesting for an updated resolution to cover the feral horse problem. Mr. EdMiles W. Harvey from horse management and life stock operation with the NN states there are approximately 120 feral horses overall in the Tohatchi area. 2019 Survey conducted by fish and wildlife show how fast herds are growing in size. Horses double every 4 years, double at a rate of 11.8% - 20%. Currently, there are 200-250 unwanted feral horses in Tohatchi. There are 2 ways to handle this problem:

- 1) Roundup Operation – Required a lot of people in the field and utilizing dirt bikes and ATV's, but because of COVID-19 this process is not recommended.
- 2) Entrapment Operation – We have 20-40 panels available for Tohatchi. Panels need to be setup near a water source and someone should be nearby to close the gate once the horses enter the panel. NN will handle to transportation to Blackhat for processing. They will also provide assistance with the panel setup. NN Horse Management's main goal is to conserve the rangeland by reducing the stresses.

No Questions, **Motion to Approve:** 1st Dennis Becenti 2nd Marvin Begay

Vote: 7-0-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Meeting, February 1, 2021, Red Willow Farm Board Meeting February 2, 2021, and Veteran's Meeting, February 3, 2021

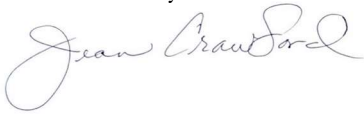
NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: February 17, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: 1:37PM

Motion: 1st Leon Harvey

2nd Virginia Harvey

Submitted by;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Crawford".

Jean Crawford

Secretary / Treasurer, Tohatchi Chapter

January 26, 2021

cc: Mr. Sonny Moore, President

Mr. Mike Halona, Vice-President

Mr. Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer

Mr. Maria Allison King, CSC

Mr. Pernall Halona, Council Delegate

Mr. Elvis Bitsilly, LDA

Mr. Byron Bitsoie, Sr., CLUPC President

Ms. Geneva Begay, Red Willow Farm Board