



# TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING OCTOBER 01, 2018, 10:00 AM

## MINUTES

(not recorded)

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:43 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

President Mrs. Julie Badonie, Vice-President Mr. Larson Manuelito, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Sonny Moore, Mr. Leonard McReeves, Grazing Officer, Ms. Lillian Barney, CLUPC Member, Mr. Ira Burbank, CLUPC Member, Mr. Pernell Halona, CLUPC Member, Mr. Mike Begay, CLUPC Member, Mr. Olin Kieyoomia, LDA, and the Honorable Council Delegate Steven Begay

### INVOCATION

By Mr. Elwood Yazzie

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST

1. Wanda Morgan, Bureau of Elections, McKinley County
2. Karl Dennison, Community Citizen,

### COMMUNITY REQUESTS

\*Mr. Karl Dennison-will be requesting for a new homesite lease and may be requesting for housing discretionary funds. He was referred to the Staff to obtain the proper paperwork and application. He was advised to obtain another homesite lease application, clearances, archeological clearances are in the works. He was advised to work with the Grazing Officer on the location of the new homesite.

\*Mrs. Sissy Miller-she is here to follow-up on her request and she was advised from the previous meeting that her request will be considered during the October chapter meeting. She was advised the paper work or requests are scheduled at one-month intervals so that there is enough time for assessments. Jack Woody was selected to do the survey for \$350; however, she was advised that the CSC makes the contact to select the surveyor. She already selected Jack Woody; however, she expressed that it appears she is getting the run-around. After she contacted Jack Woody again, she was quoted another quote of \$400. She was advised that the process is in the hands of the Staff and they are in the best position to give a report on her application. The CSC (Ms. Lucinda Barney) reported that her request will be considered during the October Chapter Meeting. There will be a cost-share on the cost of the clearances.

\*Audrey Carlisle- asking for funding for her daughters, one will be studying in South America and one going to Australia for school purposes (enrichment program?), is there funds for scholarships or? There were no funds for the Masters program; however, there is the carry-over funds which is still being worked on. The CSC expressed her apologies that the chapter was closed for 2- days because of the year-end closing. Her staff were laid-off and today they are back at work. There were no funds budgeted for any enrichment program for the next fiscal year 2019. Wood permit was brought up, you need a re-sale permit to resell wood. Mexican Springs can sell wood permits. Can Tohatchi sell their own permits? No, it requires a resolution from the chapter. On another note, what happen to my complaint on the run-way or spill way in front of her home? It was referred to NHA before; however, it has not been resolved. Can we address this at the chapter meeting? Then the discussion went to the lack of rural addressing for our community. The matter of the Navajo Housing Authority was referred back to Mr. Larson Manuelito for follow-up. As for rural addressing, it was referred back to CLUPC.

\*Olin Kieyoomia. -Windmill repair within District 14, three (3) windmills (excluding dams) from each chapter. After three windmills are selected, we will look for funds for the repairs with the help of the Council Delegate Steven Begay. This particular item was a discussion topic at the District 14 Council meeting; however, the plan is to let the community decide which windmills (the three) will be selected for repair. If the funds are found, the repairs or replacement will begin next Spring. There were three windmills identified during the meeting. The final decision for the three windmills will be decided at the regular chapter meeting.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

\*Review of Chapter Policies (i.e., Housing Discretionary, Facilities Usage, Staff and PEP Rehiring Policy, Etc.,) -there was no review of the policies; more of an acknowledgement that this has to be done sometimes soon. This information should be on the chapter website. The website update needs to be revisited again, this pending assignment was made to Janice and Sonny. Also, where and what happen to our chapter computers for the public? There was an agreement that the policies should periodically be reviewed and amended. We can plan a work session but no dates set.

\*District 14 Chapters Move to Eastern Agency-there are four chapters being assigned to Eastern Agency, Mexican Springs, Tohatchi, Twin Lakes, and Coyote Canyon. Naschitti is moving to Northern Agency. Are we going to start attending the Eastern Agency meeting? No one has the answer. There are other issues like supervision, it is in the plan of operations to have the option to have one of the Officials supervise the staff. Or the supervision can be from the DCD (Division of Community Development) The Plan of Operations passed by the Resources and Development Committee (RDC) is a mere

duplication of the former LGSC plan of operations. There is a resolution that was passed by Tohatchi and at the District 14 Council to reverse the decision of the RDC and bring this enactment back to the NAABIK'YATI Committee

\* Status of Land Withdrawal for Economic Development -there is a request to withdraw the baseball field next door but have not received approval. Another land withdrawal is the old Orchard area. Another is the old Trading Post which needs to be resurveyed. Next is the old Tohatchi Boarding School area and still waiting to hear from the Land Department (letters have been written to Mr. Halona). Perhaps, we should hire another Project Liaison person to help us move on these projects to produce economic development for our community. The Green House, what is the status? I thought the project was given to CLUPC whom were to work with the Grazing Official to withdraw 750 acres and obtain consent from the land users from that area. CLUPC needs to be more active to assist with economic development. Also, there was a resolution that was approved for development stating a 750-foot corridor from center line of existing highway from "where the coyote sits" to Buffalo Springs area. There was a discussion on what is known as "the old airport" area and the possibility for development; however, the Grazing Officer expressed negativity toward any development in that area. Apparently, there is an issue of a second night "enemy way" ceremony that occurred on more than one occasion in that area. According to a response to this discussion, there is a way to correct or alleviate the previous ceremonies as to not prevent or hinder any development.

\* Status of Accounts Maintenance Specialist Position-the position is being re-advertised. It has been a challenge to fill the position. The Division is rescreening the applicants, after the applications are referred from Personnel Management which is a duplication. The rationale is that our chapter needs to take advantage of this permanent position so that will help with daily workload and pending projects that need to materialize.

\* Chapter Compliance Issues in Finance, Records, Etc.-we need to review the procedures internally to make sure we are complying. We do a good job to report the monthly finance reports; however, we need to comply with the procedures in the Five Management System. It would be prudent to comply with the procedures that are outlined in the Five-Management System to insure and prepare for an audit, prepare for certification, and to show the community the funds are accounted for.

\* Review of Carry-Over Budget with Officials-for the sake of transparency in the budget process, the carry-over budget should be reviewed by the Officials with the Staff before it is submitted to Window Rock. As of today, the carry-over funds are still being prepared by the CSC, Lucinda Barney.

\* Requesting to Move the Monthly Chapter Meeting to the 3rd Wednesday of Each Month-everyone agreed to move the meeting to the third Wednesday of each month. Council Delegate Steven Begay recommends that we advertise more of the planning and chapter meetings. Also look into installing a sign or purchase a marquee. This will be an

agenda item for the up-coming meeting.

\*MIP Training for District 14 as Discussed in District 14 Council-it was mentioned that Commissioner Carol Bowman-Musket was to look into this request. The particulars will be reported at a later date.

\*Status of Grant Applications-Mr. Milford Cosen and Mr. Al Henderson will be rescheduled to report. One of the grants (ANA) is due for reporting in October 2018.

\*Status of Land Use Plan Document Revision and the Plan for Presentation to RDC- It was reported that Mr. Deon Ben is still working with Miss Shynoke Ortiz to get the acceptable version. The Council Delegate recommends writing a letter to Shynoke to be cognizant of her obligations to the Chapter and community. The other reason for the delay to present to RDC is the question of the 60-day review for public input and apparently that is soon to expire. This topic should be an agenda item for the next CLUPC agenda.

\*Status of Post Office-There has been several meetings regarding the post office. The building is still in the stages of renovation and the chapters using the post office's services are being requested to contribute to the renovation expenses. The negotiations with TAOS are still moving in a positive direction to eventually have them operate the post office.

\*Gaming Tax Funds and the Payment of Bills-the chapter's bills are being sent to Controllers Office; however, the bills are becoming delinquent, the question is, can we transfer the funds to the chapter, therefore, the bills can be paid directly by the CSC. This will continue to be monitored.

\*Senior Citizen Center-the President Badoni wrote a letter to management and received a response to her letter that basically says that there are no problems with our Senior Citizen Center and everything is going well. On another note, the existing Council for the Senior Center have step down and they need new Officials.

\*McKinley County Schools Statistics and Progress-I recommended that we get someone from the Schools to update the community on the progress of the McKinley County Schools. The discussion went to Chooshgai Schools and their lack of reports to the community. We don't see the person that we elected and there is a lack feedback on the progress of the school. There were some favorable comments for the Tohatchi Schools from the audience, Fern Spencer is the cross-country coach and her philosophy is "academics" first. The cross-country team is very competitive and doing well at each meet.

## REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS

^ Navajo Labor Relations-no discussion. May be on the chapter agenda.

^ Honorable Council Delegate Steven Begay-

-The regionalization concept is still alive, we should be hearing more on the direction and ramifications of this concept.

-The Navajo Generating Station negotiations has failed. The two firms negotiating to buy NGS has ceased dialog concerning the power plant.

-Certification-the Council Delegate encouraged our chapter to continue to move toward certification. There are more favorable results and advantages to our chapter.

-Feral Horse Issue-Department of Agriculture approached the Naschitti community to collect feral horses and sell them at 50 dollars per head. The Naschitti livestock sales yard was utilized for the sale and since this idea worked well, the sales will continue every quarter and possible will be held at other locations across the reservation.

-Windmill-this was discussed earlier in the meeting with a plan of action to be presented to the community.

-Post Office-still waiting on the biological clearance. \$150,000 is the current cost to renovate the building. Mr. Olin Kieyoomia. met with the Reginal Business to address this clearance issue today and will be reporting the outcome.

- Sharon Pinto has been reassigned to the Albuquerque Office and works for the BIE. BIA Natural Resources and the fencing of the District 14 boundary is still an issue. Tohatchi Chapter passed a resolution to rescind a previous resolution addressing this issue.

-Poll Officials-some of the checks have been process, therefore, notify the workers to pick-up their checks.

-Fall Session-starts on October 15, 2018.

-Voter Registration-get the word out, please have people register or re-register.

-Halona Canyon-the barrier is the lack of the traffic count, on October 09, 2018, we will be meeting with NNDOT to do a center line walk-thru. There is a new supervisor for BIA Roads and there is hopes that he will work more closely with the Tohatchi Chapter. The surveying will begin after the center line has been established and then the construction to make improvements will begin. There are areas on the road that are almost impassable. These areas need immediate attention. This project needs the help of the Council Delegate to have it materialize.

-Review of the Home Site Policy as requested by Mr. Begay.

^Leonard McReeves-tally count is important. Land Management by BIA and the fencing initiative. The fencing is moving forward, he named some areas. There is a new Reginal Director in the Gallup Federal Office. Cecelia Yazzie complained about the feral horses and question his plans to round-up these horses. He is working on it, he doesn't have the help and can't a get hold of any panels to conduct any type of round-ups.

^Safety Complex-there is a request to bring back Law and Order Committee to our community again to address the Detention Center abatement. This may also require a resolution.

^Democratic Party -requesting by Charmaine Jackson and Genevieve Jackson to present at the October Meeting.

^CLUPC-Mrs. Barney attended the joint Health Center and CLUPC; however, the meeting did not convene because of last minute changes in their schedule. October 10, is

the next joint meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR CHAPTER MEETING

1. Resolution to Approve Carry-Over Budget for FY 2019
2. Resolution to Division of Community Development to Hire an Accounting Maintenance Specialist
3. Resolution to Move the Monthly Chapter Meeting to the Third Wednesday of Each Month
4. Resolution on the Feral Horses on Quarterly Horse Sale
5. Resolution to Support the Reroute the N30 Road (Halona Canyon) Alternative Route
6. Resolution for Housing Discretionary Applicants
7. Resolution to Request for Gaming Funds to Revert to Chapter Funds
8. Resolution for the Selection of the Three Windmills
9. Resolution to Approve MIP Training for CSC and Officials
10. Resolution to Approve Selection of Poll Officials (Mike Begay, Lillian Barney, Elwood Yazzie)

Motion to Accept Resolutions: Mr. Larson Manuelito

Second: Mrs. Julie Badonie      Vote: 2-0-1

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

See handout.

## BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

No benediction

Adjournment: 4:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by: Mr. Larson Manuelito

Second: Mrs. Julie Badonie      Vote: 2-0-1

Submitted by,

  
Mr. Sonny Moore

Secretary/Treasure

Tohatchi Chapter

October 5, 2018

cc: Mrs. Julie Badonie  
Mr. Larson Manuelito  
Mr. Leonard McReeves  
Mr. Deon Ben

Submitted by;

*Harry "Sonny" Moore*

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Secretary/Treasurer

Tohatchi Chapter

October 29, 2018

cc: Mrs. Julie Badonie, President  
Mr. Larson Manuelito, Vice-President  
Mr. Leonard McReeves, Land/Livestock Officer  
Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, Red Willow Farm  
Mr. Deon Ben, CLUPC President  
Staff



# TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING NOVEMBER 05, 2018, 10:00 AM

## MINUTES

(recorded)

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:20 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

President Mrs. Julie Badonie, Vice-President Mr. Larson Manuelito, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Sonny Moore, Mr. Leonard McReeves, Grazing Officer, Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, Farm Board, Mr. Pernell Halona, CLUPC Member, Mr. Ira Burbank, CLUPC Member,

### INVOCATION

By Leonard Joe, Tribal Liaison, Molina Health Care

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST

1. Kimberly Crowe, CEO, Tohatchi Area Opportunity Services (TAOS)
2. Annette Etsitty, Tohatchi Area Opportunity Services
3. Leonard Joe, Molina Health Care

### COMMUNITY REQUESTS

- \* Geneva Begay-for Priscilla Plummer-needs help with plumbing at her home. She has an estimate from Gallup Lumber for a water heater. She was advised to apply to the office.
- \* Virginia Barney-a single parent-wants to have roof repair with new roll roofing and sidings for the house. She has three quotes and will schedule to meet with the CSC. Remember there is only one PEP worker at this time.
- \* Pernell Halona-running out of water in Halona Canyon for four or five houses. Requesting for a water line extension to these residences. The drought has an affect on their water table. He understands this is going to be a long process.
- \* Bruce Francisco-had lighting strike his home-currently living in a hogan. He was advised to see the CSC to apply for assistance.
- \* Elenore Notah- has a home at the "flats." The home was vandalized. They started a new home and about half way to completion. Leonard (her son) is helping out with the construction. Requesting for electrical services and plumbing. She was advised to start her paperwork with the CSC.
- \* Brenda Begay- Representative from Middle School-Native Cultural Week in November. Requesting to be on the agenda for next chapter meeting.
- \* Franklin Thompson-requesting to be on the agenda during the next chapter meeting



under "Presentation." He did not disclose his topic.

\*Caroline Francisco-still waiting for electrical service- the power line funds will come from the State and, therefore, it is a lengthy process per the CSC. The water line extension will go through the Indian Health Service which also is a lengthy process.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

\* Julie Badonie-Garret Silversmith- discussion to reschedule the Halona Canyon road improvement and the Law and Order Committee will be in Naschitti and there are no dates set yet for any meetings.

\*Reassignment of District 14, we have been administratively reassigned to the Eastern Agency; however, we are still under Fort Defiance Agency as District 14 until someone, the Election or the Council, makes any changes. Also, Mrs. Julie Badonie is the assigned "supervisor" for the CSC.

\*Highway Lighting for 491-the President Julie Badonie met with Garret Silversmith in Albuquerque and advised that we are still waiting for a letter. The contents of the letter were not disclosed; however, we are working with NNDOT to keep this project moving forward.

\*Testing of Detention Center-currently being tested for any hazardous material, Ms. Elaine Stewart company was selected or hired to performed the testing. Ms. Stewart will provide a report to the Officials when the testing is completed.

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\*Capital Outlay Projects-project ready-currently we have the Sihasin funds for the 'East Flats.' Plans are to meet with Mr. Benjamin Cowboy whom will arrange meetings between the Navajo Nation, Indian Health Service and Water Management to discuss funding and design.

\*Safety Complex-part of the Capital Outlay priority project listing. The first step is to test the former Detention Center for any hazardous material and then discuss with Navajo Nation Public Safety Division for demolition. There are also plans to meet with Law and Order Standing Committee to continue to keep this project on their "radar" to let them know that our community needs a public safety complex.

\*Warehouse-Sherlyn Yazzie (Division of Community Development) designated Andy Thomas to "head up" the or be in charge of the project. It needs to follow-up if this project is project ready.

\*Veterans Building-Mr. Olin Kieyoomia (Interim Council Delegate) reported on this earlier, there was a request to do a land exchange with the veterans at their current site and the exchange is the at the baseball field. Mr. Kieyoomia stated that it is up to the community to approve the exchange.

\*Land Use Plan Document-issues with the contents of documents. Our CLUPC President, Mr. Deon Ben has been working with the Contractor; however, it appears that the Contractor may no longer have access to a particular software that reads this document. It was also reported that she also is no longer part of or employed with a

particular group or company that supported with technical assistance while she was working with the chapter. The Officials will attempt to resolve the snag and look at other options to present an acceptable LUP document to the Department of Justice.

\*Status of Grant Application-the Officials will be meeting with Mr. Al Henderson and Mr. Milford Cosen and according to Mr. Henderson, a written report and a meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks.

\*Land Withdrawal—the President stated that there needs to be more follow-up on the status of our requests. For example, the old BIA Boarding School land tract, a letter has been submitted to Mr. Mike Halona; however, there has not been a response.

\*Resurvey of the Francisco Site/Trading Post-President will work with CSC on these two sites to have the land tract resurveyed.

\*CLUPC-review of the strategic plan—however, there are no meetings set. We have issues on the cemetery. The CLUPC should be recommending for more land to use for a cemetery. It was recommended that the Vice-President, Mr. Mike Begay, to schedule for a CLUPC meeting. Perhaps the CLUPC needs assistance and new direction from the Officials and the CSC.

\*Certification-the road to certification-our finance and record keeping have to be in order. We need to help to prepare for an audit and we need a person assigned to the preparation for certification. How do we accomplish this? The chapter is still short-handed and would like to hire an AMS (Accounts Maintenance Specialist) to assist the Staff.

\*Status of Housing Discretionary Funds-a new direction-we have a balance of \$46,000 (est.), do we still build new homes? Can our funds support that? Or do we revised the policy to accommodate the amount of funds? Perhaps we only have funds for renovation and minor repairs. The policy still needs to be reviewed.

\*Education-or the lack of Board Members reporting to the Chapter. Mrs. Badonie was selected to serve on the Parent Advisory Committee. We elected two representatives from our chapter and district to provide a report to the community.

\*Tohatchi Health Center/CLUPC Joint Meeting-The latest meeting was postponed and hasn't been rescheduled. Mr. Mike Begay was instructed to continue to work with the Health Center to promote the joint meeting efforts.

\*Halona Canyon-The assessment meeting is being rescheduled by our President.

\*MIP Training-for Officials-Mrs. Carol Bowman Muskett was assigned to put this together. There are proposals that have been submitted to Mrs. Muskett. The President reported (whom is the Chair for District 14) will make this an agenda item during the next District 14 Council meeting (December 2018) and will either be approve or disapprove.

## REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS

^ Leonard Joe-requested to be on agenda for October 19, 2018 chapter meeting.

^Kimber Crowe and Annette Etsitty-status of Post Office-utilities need to be hook-up,

they have three quotes for water plumbing. Still working on the electrical upgrade. There is a slight error language in the agreement document which needs to be corrected by Mr. Leonard Francisco. The master lease has to be signed. TAOS will be on the agenda for the next chapter meeting. TAOS is requesting to tap into what ever funds are available for the plumbing and electrical renovations. Tohatchi chapter has \$10,000 and possible \$2,000 from Mexican Springs chapter. They have a board meeting this Saturday and this is when the master lease will be signed. To what extent the building has to be ready is a requirement from the Denver office, this needs to be clarified and the CEO will get this clarified. The contribution from RBDO is not known or committed. She gave copies of the quotes to Mr. Sonny Moore for the CSC and the President's review.

^Red Willow Farm Board-Geneva Begay and Dorothy Bitsilly-inviting community members to utilize the farm for planting. Wants to be on the agenda to present to the community. They want to get the word out that the farm plot is available. Mrs. Bitsilly wants to know why the "ditch rider" was not earmarked during the latest budget sessions. There aren't very many participants interested in farming at this time, we have been inviting participants but very little response. The Coyote Canyon chapter has also denied them funds for the farm. There was a question if a copy of the proposal was submitted to the CSC? The response was, No, it was not submitted. Therefore, for that reason it was not considered during the budget sessions. The request should be detailed with information, scope of work, duties and responsibilities, length of employment etc. We can look to see if there is any funding. Mr. Olin Kieyoomia informed Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly that he will follow up and locate the documents that pertain to Red Willow and will continue to push the "package" forward.

^ Honorable Interim Council Delegate Olin Kieyoomia-January 8 is his appointment as interim Council Delegate and last Thursday he took the oath. There are five legislations that were in progress and these were passed. Amendments on the budget for FY 2019 was one of the important legislations, changing or reverting the personnel funds (AMS position) to house wiring, however, the legislation passed after a lengthy debate. After his appointment was approved, the Tohatchi Post Office documents was submitted and revealed for public review. The monthly rent will be \$100 a month. The TAOS will be given \$1600 a month for operating cost. The TAOS and the Chapter will be in a joint effort to run or operate the post office. He met with all chapters on the Capital Outlay Projects on October 31, 2018. During the next meeting, the chapter has to update the listing of projects and approve to submit to our State Representative. Each project will be submitted by individual resolutions. All the leg work will be completed before the November 15, 2018 meeting at Coyote Canyon, the Sihasin funds will be considered and discussed during this meeting. Our Chapter has the "East Flats" and the Mr. Willie Sandavol water line extensions as their project. Tohatchi Veterans Center, the paperwork has to be resubmitted and brought up to date. The reason is that the project has been idle for too long. There is a Veteran's Advisory Council that is to change to a Commission.

However, this was vetoed by the Navajo Nation President, and as of this morning Mr. Kieyoomia submitted legislation to override this veto. Next item, a case of a Navajo child (Indian Child Welfare Act) whom is half-Cherokee and half-Navajo that was adopted by an Anglo family in Texas. This is currently being reviewed by the authorities and Mr. Kieyoomia will provide more information on the progress of this case. The New Mexico Realid Act may change again. After 2020, it will a document that will be a necessity to travel abroad and in the United States. This is on the table for discussion. His main objective or purpose (as the Interim Council Delegate) is to get chapters ready with their projects and get the next Council Delegate ready to take the Council seat.

^Mr. Leonard McReeves-There is water leak on line 3 at the farm (Red Willow). Mr. Larry Duncan area, they conducted a horse entrapment of around 27 horses. They tried to run the horses into a small panel which did not work and the horses escape. On October 23, 2018 there was a field day (animal vaccination) in Shiprock but it was raining and had a low turn-out. A reminder, the owner is responsible for their animals, if someone hits an animal or causes an accident, the animal owner is liable.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR CHAPTER MEETING

1. Resolution to Support Replacing the Van for Senior Center
2. Resolution for Projects (there is an existing resolution, however, the individual or one for each project has to be clarified) for Tohatchi Chapter to be Submitted to the State Representative
3. Resolution to McKinley County Road to Cease Road Maintenance
4. Resolution for Housing Discretionary for Allan Burbank and Carol Lowe

Motion to Accept Resolutions: Mr. Larson Manuelito

Second: Mrs. Julie Badonie      Vote: 2-0-1

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

See handout.

## BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

No benediction

Adjournment: 4:08 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by: Julie Badonie

Second: Larson Manuelito      Vote: 2-0-1

Submitted by,

  
Mr. Sonny Moore

Secretary/Treasurer

Tohatchi Chapter  
November 08, 2018

cc: Mrs. Julie Badonie  
Mr. Larson Manuelito  
Mr. Leonard McReeves  
Mr. Deon Ben  
Mr. Mike Begay  
Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly  
Tohatchi Office Staff  
Mr. Olin Kieyoomia



# TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING DECEMBER 03, 2018, 10:00 AM

## MINUTES

(recorded)

### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:45 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

President Mrs. Julie Badonie, Vice-President Mr. Larson Manuelito, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Sonny Moore, Mr. Leonard McReeves, Grazing Officer, Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, Farm Board, Mr. Mike Begay, CLUPC Member,

### INVOCATION

By Mr. Hubert Becenti

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST

None

### COMMUNITY REQUESTS

\* Mr. Huber Becenti-First thing, is the unfinished road from six years. The road is chip seal and is incomplete. This road is the responsibility of McKinley Roads; however, in recent meetings they have been talking about not maintaining these roads because of the lack of right-of-way and according to the Vice-President, this has become a political issue. Secondly, is there a building inspector from the Navajo Nation? There is a crack in the foundation at his residence and wants someone to look at it. Mr. Phil Francisco will be sent to look at the residence and give his evaluations.

\* Mr. Leonard McReeves-how do you apply for power line extension. He was instructed to see Lucinda Barney to get on the list.

\* Marcella Franklin – requesting the chapter to assist with the cost of the apples and oranges for the Senior Center Christmas Dinner. She was asked to submit her request in writing. She is working on an IGA (Inter Governmental Agreement) with the chapter. Ms. Franklin whom is the supervisor for the Senior Center is currently working on the compliance issues within the building, including appliances, furniture, fire extinguishers, etc. Some of the property don't have Navajo Nation tags and might have to get rid of on their own. She is also working on getting more seniors to eat or use the facilities (count was 72) and to recruit more seniors. She thanked the chapter staff for their cooperation. No dates on their Christmas dinner but expecting 100 attendees. They have a budget of \$800 per month for food to serve to the participants. There were comments made that the supervisor from the main office should be more

visible and have them work more with the chapters. We don't see the department heads or supervisors and the Senior Center was one of the pillars from the Navajo Nation President; however, they are not following through. A comment was that the people in charge (for the Senior Center) are not requesting for funds for our Senior Centers, there is money available for the Centers and the department head and supervisors need to step up and request for funds. Then, we need to encourage to have more Seniors use our facilities here in Tohatchi. There was a comparison made with the Twin Lakes Senior Center.

Olin Kieyoomia arrive and was brought up to date on the discussion. The discussion on the budget for the Senior Center goes back to the recent approval process for the Navajo Nation budget and President Begay having to sign the budget for the FY 2019. There was compromise with the President to keep the Senior Center budget at a reasonable cost. Mr. Kieyoomia will have a better report and requested a written report from the supervisor on their needs. We do need more seniors to use our Center. He stated that there is and will be more funds from Santa Fe especially since we have a democratic Governor elected into office.

\* Mr. Leonard McReeves-there is a legislation that they are doing away with the Farm Board, Grazing Officer and other committees sponsored by Council Delegate Jonathan Hale. The Grazing Officer will be replaced with a permanent position under the title "Range Technician." He talked about how the Navajo Nation used up our resources and the only ones left is uranium and water. 3060-18 is the legislation number. This is to be effective in January 2020. Mr. McReeves said go ahead and discuss it and left the meeting. Mr. Kieyoomia stated that there is no resolution from the chapter and Mr. McReeves did not request the Officials for a resolution. And he just left the meeting. One of the reasons for this legislation is because of the complaints about some of the Grazing Officers that are not doing their jobs. Mr. Kieyoomia voted "No" when it became before Nabi. The Eastern Agency chapters support this legislation according to the latest Eastern Agency meeting this past Saturday.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

\*Detention Center Testing – see Elaine Stewart report.

## REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS

\*Elaine Stewart-performed the testing outside and inside. She was reading from her written report which has been presented to the Officials. Testing for mole, asbestos, lead on the Detention Center. The kitchen and living room floors have asbestos. There are two types of asbestos. One is solid and one is more of a powder form. The walkway and the hallway is not good. The paint from the outside also contains lead painting. All of the harmful material has to be removed. She advised to request NTUA to do a blue staking (existing utility lines) before you remove any harmful material. The NTUA needs to locate the utilities and show it on a blue-print. There is a trailer on the premises and

doesn't know who it belongs to (Navajo Nation Property) should also be notified to remove the trailer. Then, there are two or three storage carts or bins sitting outside the building. This probably belongs to the Navajo Nation. There are three sites for proper disposal of hazardous waste, St. Johns, South of Albuquerque, and Utah. The cost for the abatement and demolition is in the neighborhood of \$80,000 to \$120,000. She was informed that we will be using the three-quotation system to select the vendor to performed the demolition and remediation. There needs to be a scope of work with your request for proposal (RFP) and should include working with NTUA, the manifest, and proper flagging of the utility lines after the abatement. According to sources (Mr. Thompson and Leonard McReeves, the building must have been built around 1958 and renovated in 1985 to a juvenile center.

\* Interim Council Delegate Olin Kieyoomia-he reported and requested the Officials to entertain the three resolutions listed as 4, 5, and 6. He voted "No" on the purchase of land in Yavapai County. He explained his position on his current position as a Council Delegate and will exercise his full authority as CD until he is replaced by Mr. Halona. He is not there just to push the red and green button. He also asked that we be patient with the in-coming Council Delegate. He also talked about the current issue with the lack-of-right of way on County Roads. The current Commissioners took a position to have the in-coming Commissioners (recently voted in) resolve this issue. The discussion then turn to another issue on protecting our children that attend schools off-reservation which will be entertain with a legislation. There was a question of where the monies will be coming from since we are being told that the Navajo Nation is depleting their funds. Other races or nationalities (Blacks, Latinos, Asians) have their own organization to protect themselves. It was explained that the legislation will speak to protecting our children and the Navajo Nation will stand ready with an attorney to defend against violators of the law. Veterans, Head Start, Senior Citizen and other organization are being requested to submit a plan of operations (per Naomi Jones). Is there a resolution that speaks to each organization and their plan of operation and insurance? The response is that the resolution will be reviewed and see if it addresses insurance. Another concern is if the funds at the chapters are insured or protected. Who replaces these funds in the event that it is mismanaged or stolen? Who pays or replaces, the chapter, the responsible party that cause the event, or the Navajo Nation? On December 26, a request to use the Chapter for a "Shoe Game", there is a letter of request to the Staff and Officials. It was stated that the person or company that did the testing for the Detention Center cannot be one of the vendors doing the abatement or demolition according to the procurement policy. This was stated by Mr. Kieyoomia. The request for quotations for the abatement of the Detention Center has been given to Mr. Shawnevan Dale of Risk Management to contact vendors for the abatement. The Master Lease for the Post Office is in the President's office for signature and construction should begin in January 2019.

\* CLUPC—there is a meeting this coming Friday, December 09, 2018 at 1 p.m. And there



was a meeting with the Tohatchi Health Center last Thursday. Don't entertain any resolution to change membership until the Land Use Plan has been approved by RDC.

\* Resurveying for Francisco, Old Trading Post, Old Orchard, and Catholic Church—having problems getting into Trading Post, the former tenants still claim the property as theirs and don't want anyone in the building without their knowledge. It was brought up that the chapter has a barn. What are we doing about it, remember what happened to our Gym at the Boarding School? We don't want the barn to be vandalized or burned down like what the Gym. Then there is the diversion dam, what are we doing about that? We also have a resolution to rehabilitate the Chuska Dam; however, we have not followed up. It was reported that Fisher, the company that constructed highway 491 are the ones that removed the diversion dam gate. The water coming down the mountain is temporarily dammed up so the water will be diverted to the Chuska Lake. As soon as Mr. Dennison can get access, they will replace the gate and the run-off can be diverted toward and into the former lake. What was Fisher doing messing around with our diversion gate? It's not their responsibility and out of their scope of work. In addition, it was reported the gates at the Chuska dam are damaged and the Natural Resources Department claims that to make any repairs would be a high cost repair.

\* Highway Lightning and Meeting on Halona Canyon—meeting with Garrett Silversmith on December 12, 2018 per Mr. Kieyoomia. He is also requesting a letter on the problems accessing the Trading Post, the highway lighting and the Halona Canyon.

\* Red Willow Farm—they are receiving monies from the Drought Relief Funds for the power line extension to the well.

\* Change in Policies—for heavy equipment, facility usage, and roads policy was brought up to the audience, just a heads-up. Any changes will be approved by the community.

\* Safety Issues for the Staff and the compound—concerns for the staff and their safety and the security of the chapter compound. This was brought up in light of the recent reports of shootings and domestic violence in the media. The Chapter compound is not secure and the chapter building needs more cameras and emergency exits.

## RESOLUTIONS FOR CHAPTER MEETING

1. Resolution to Establish a Line Item in Fund 01
2. Resolution for a Budget Transfer within Operations
3. Resolution to Approve Payment for W-2 and 1099 End-of-Year Tax Reporting
4. Resolution to Approve a Petty Cash
5. Resolution to Approve Training for District 14 Officials
6. Resolution to Oppose or Approve Legislation 0360-18 to Remove the Grazing Officer and Replace with a Permanent Range Technician
7. Resolution to Rescind Navajo Preference and Employment Act for "At Will" Employees
8. Resolution to Oppose the Funding of Purchase of Land in Yavapai County

9. Resolution to Approve and Support Legislation to Pay for Attorneys to Represent Navajo Children in the Violation of Their Civil Rights
10. The Resolution to Approve and Support Right-of-Way for the Power Line to the Red Willow Well
11. The Resolution to Approve Housing Discretionary Funds for Cecelia Begay for Roofing

#### Motion to Accept Resolutions:

Motion: Larson Manuelito

Second: Julie Badonie

Vote: 2-0-1

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

See handout.

#### BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

No benediction

Adjournment: 3:56 p.m.

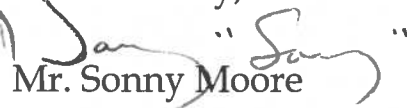
#### Motion to adjourn by:

Motion: Larson Manuelito

Second: Julie Badonie

Vote: 2-0-1

Submitted by,

  
Mr. Sonny Moore  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Tohatchi Chapter  
December 06, 2018



cc: Mrs. Julie Badonie  
Mr. Larson Manuelito  
Mr. Leonard McReeves  
Mr. Deon Ben  
Mr. Mike Begay  
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## TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING JANUARY 07, 2019 @ 8:30 AM

Meeting Recorded

### MINUTES

#### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10.40 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

President Mrs. Julie Badonie, Vice-President Mr. Larson Manuelito, Mr. Sonny Moore Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, Red Willow Farm Board, Mr. Ira Burbank, CLUPC Member, Ms. Lillian Barney, CLUPC Member, Mr. Mike Begay, CLUPC Member, Mr. Olin Kieyoomia, Interim Council Delegate, Mr. Pernell Halona, CLUPC Member and In-coming Council Delegate

#### INVOCATION

Mr. Ira Burbank

#### JOINT WORK SESSION CLUPC/RED

#### WILLOW/STAFF/OFFICIALS/GRAZING OFFICER

1. Review of On-Going Projects and Future Outlook for 2019
2. Grazing Officer Priorities for 2019
3. CLUPC Project Priorities for 2019
  - a. Cemetery Expansion – needs to be surveyed, part of the eight sites that will be surveyed. Sonny Moore working on.
  - b. Negotiate exchange of Land Withdrawal with Veterans-6 acres south of existing Navajo Nation Oil and Gas.
  - c. Francisco Site, Old Orchard, and the Detention Center-- to be resurveyed - needs the 3-vendor process and will be paid for by the chapter. There are 5

other sites that also need to be resurveyed (Catholic Church, Old Trading Post, Baseball Park, Old Tohatchi BIA School, cemetery expansion).

- d. When do we get with Navajo Nation Economic Development? Can we get on their infrastructure plan? Or does the chapter continue to pursue writing grants for infrastructure development? It was decided to get a meeting with NTUA, Land Department, and Economic Development to discuss this matter and to assist us in our planning.
- e. The 750 feet from center line along 491 highway – how does this impact the planning process along 491.
- f. Continue the joint planning session with the Health Center and TAOS to construct a master plan for the old BIA compound area.
- g. Natural Gas expansion for our community – we are running out of the natural resources such as wood and coal. Need to explore solar energy.
- h. Working with Tohatchi Health Center to build a master plan which of professional housing would be part of the discussion. We need to accommodate our professional people in the community to keep them here.
- i. Rural Addressing -this is not a high priority; however, it needs to be reviewed and discussed down the road.

#### 4. Red Willow Priorities for 2019

- a. It will be allowed to burn greasewood and other shrubs in order to clear the existing farm sites
- b. Working on a proposal with State of New Mexico for a Tractor – requesting Chapter for to include in ICIP project, a resolution was handed to the Officials to include during the next scheduled chapter meeting.
- c. Working with NTUA to obtain the Right-of-Way to the existing well.
- d. Requesting from Navajo Nation to be responsible for the utility bills to the new well. Mrs. Bitsilly is giving this project a high priority.
- e. Canal rehabilitation -there was a discussion with Tariq (of the Navajo Nation) and his response is the project on their to-do list.
- f. Ditch Rider – there is a request to the chapter for this person. This needs to be discuss with the Officials and the CSC.

- g. Farm Plots – Mrs. Bitsilly continues her campaign to have more individuals utilize Red Willow for farming.
5. Staff and Officials Priorities for 2019
- a. Halona Canyon Road – still need to meet with BIA and NNDOT for an assessment and on-site meeting.
  - b. The road to Certification-we can start with our financial records. Mr. Moore has been contacting the Auditor General and the ASC office for more information on this project.
  - c. Audit preparation-we need to get our records in order.
  - d. Record Keeping-we need to check on the record keeping procedures and the explore the possibility of digitizing our records.
  - e. Meet with Law and Order Committee-continue to work on the demolition the Detention Center and the design and drawing of the new Safety Complex.
  - f. Lobby for our Projects in Santa Fe during the legislative session. One of the Official and Staff will be attending the session to promote our projects.
  - g. Lighting for highway 491 -will continue to work with Garret Silversmith from NNDOT and the State to have the highway lighting at Tolakai, Twin Lakes, Coyote Canyon turn-off, Mexican Springs turn-off, and Tohatchi.
  - h. The warehouse, the demolition of the former Detention Center, design and drawing of the proposed safety complex, and the funding for the water line for the East-Flats water extension is a high priority.

## **RECOGNITION OF GUEST**

None.

## **COMMUNITY REQUESTS**

^Ms. Rosita James – her home burn down about 5 years ago. She now has a home site lease. Needs help with the electrical service, she used an unlicensed electrical person for the work. Then she had a licensed person to check the electrical work and was giving a form to give to NTUA; however, there was problems with the lack of breaker switches. She now wants to have the chapter assist her. Check the inside wiring, the outside breaker and the meter loop. The chapter has funds for house wiring. 728-4521

^Ms. Treva Edsitty — request for housing discretionary funds for assistance---she is building an extension to her home. She has her paperwork into the CSC office.

^Ms. Laris Manuelito — move back three years ago. She is requesting for assistance with the archeological survey cost to complete her home site lease. She is going to fill out the paper work with the CSC or staff.

^Ms. Rosalie James-- She is working on a homesite lease. Working with Mr. McReeves on the clearance. She is requesting for funds for Arch clearance and surveys.

## **REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS**

### **\*Honorable Interim Council Delegate Olin Kieyoomia —**

-Jan 15 inauguration-President, Vice-President and Council Delegate and others.

-Capital Outlay Funds — session coming up for State of NM. Lots of funds (ICIP) available for New Mexico Chapters. There is Tribal Infrastructure funds also available. Get ready to apply. Met with new Governor, attempting to promote Navajo to sit on Indian Affairs Cabinet. Setting up funds to contribute to certain political candidates. Hopefully the chapters are ready to go, there is a meeting next week, we have been passing resolutions. PAC funds are used for contributions for political purposes.

-5-year plan for Sihasin- this was work from our late Council Delegate. We have the East Flat-water line extensions. Perhaps the State can assist with these funds to help pay for the water line. Requesting the Governor to put more money back into the educational funds. The Governor has deleted one of the required state testing.

-Post Office — Good news-the approval process (business site) lease has been approved. Looking at the renovation and preparation to begin in May or June, therefore, the opening of the post office should be during the summer.

-Old Tohatchi BIA — the land transfer is work in progress. NHA and Indian Health is interested in this land tract. We will be losing Dr. Lauber or he is leaving Tohatchi Health Center. There are only two doctors, if Dr. Lauber leaves the other doctor is planning to retire.

-Navajo Generating Station — still working on purchasing the power plant. The NTE (Navajo owed) was in the process of buying the plant but failed. The Council Delegate (Interim) was going to vote "No", in buying the plant.

-Yavapai Purchase – voted the purchase “No”. Located south of Flagstaff. No appraisal by our own Land Department.

-Glove Factory – east of Fire Rock casino-the recommendation was to pass a resolution to support this buy-in, 19 million to assist to start this business. Navajos will be employed there. Will be receiving taxes from this company.

-Lumber Company – “All Tree Company” – cuts old wood or what’s left in the forest to make such things as signs. Still in the talking stages, plans are to build at the old cabinet factory, east of the Fire Rock casino.

-Legislative-better to help our students, Native students, protect our Native students going to public schools. (note: Tohatchi chapter produced a resolution to support this legislation) He met with Mayor of Albuquerque on this issue.

-Senior Citizen legislation – more voice by our seniors to run their Centers.

-Undesignated Unreserve Fund Balance--\$46,000 in the pot, by law the fund should not be below \$3 million dollars. Be patient with in-coming Council Delegate, he will be coming in with no funds available.

-“Shoe Game” – only district to conduct the Keeshjaa ceremony during the holidays, this is in memory of the efforts of the late Steven Begay whom was an advocate of this ceremony.

-Red Willow – working on pushing this project through, the legislators are aware of this project. The goal is to have individuals to start farming again.

-“Thank you for letting me serve you and the communities from District 14.” And in return thank you for doing a good job. Mr. Franklin Thompson (Dad) express his appreciation to the audience in supporting and working with Olin during his appointment as Interim Council Delegate.

Other Information – The Indian Health Board has been abolished. We need a new Indian Hospital somewhere in our area. There are three designated areas and no one has been advocating for this new hospital from our New Mexico Navajo Delegates, 38 billion has been cut for health care by President Trump.

\*Renee Martinez – Iyanbito originally, CHR working at the Health Center.

-Declaration of Emergency and the high-risk community members. She has a map of high-risk clients. She will begin to work more closely with the chapter. Our

emergency this winter is not the only time to think about elders, we also need to think about our elders during the summer. If you can't contact me, call my immediate supervisor in Gallup, they know how to contact me. There is a Emergency Response team or a group that is being initiated or implemented by the chapter and the Window Rock offices. Renee needs to be part of this group. Comments: We need maps and GPS coordinates for all the high-risk elders in our community. Then there are rural addressing requirements and tied to this is the implementation of 9-1-1 enhance efforts. Some of the elders in the audience introduced themselves to the presenter, which was a good discussion and exchange good information. She goes to the church for food and blankets, why do we go to the churches for these items? Why can't we do a "drive" for these items ourselves?

\*Herbert Dennison, Heavy Equipment Operator,

-worked with late Johnny Willetto, been employed for 20 years and one of these days may retire. We got about 4" of snow, south of us got more snow. His first priority was to clear the roads and that was accomplished. Soon there will be a thawing, the canal is ready for the water. Comments: "thank you Herb for being our operator." There was a request to the chapter to invest in a blade to clear the snow, for the future. This is a good recommendation, we can look in the budget. We also need the warehouse for our heavy equipment, we need to put this on the "fast track." We also need to have the five chapters to plan a veteran's cemetery. Maybe a token of appreciation for the operator and also for the out-going Council Delegate. There was recommendation for blanket, turquoise watch bracelet, bolo tie, etc. Then there was a recommendation for jackets for the rest of the staff. And perhaps the community can approve or donate the rest. There was comment about Fund 01 and the unrestricted status; however, the purchases need be approved by the community. Maybe having the five chapters get together to raise the funds for the gift for the out-going Council Delegate and work with Art and Crafts, our in-law at Ellis Tanner, and one more place. Let's take care of Olin first with a reception.

-Veteran Report by Manuel Shirleson

Since he had to leave early, he will be placed on the regular chapter meeting agenda to give his report.



-Discussion on Facility Usage- This is under review and the policy has been amended but not finalized. This will not go before the community until February 2019.

-Transfer Station -costing the chapter lots of money. We should just close it temporarily; however, Navajo Sanitation is charging us a lot. We are looking at \$10,000 to use from our Sales Tax. This is very costly. Update: Navajo Sanitation has been contacted after the planning meeting and is in the process of renegotiation, we are tied into the contract for three-years.

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR CHAPTER MEETING**

1. Resolution to Approve Budget for Sales Tax FY 2019
2. Resolution to Approve Budget for First Quarter Revenues
3. Resolution to Approve Budget for Unhealthy Food Tax
4. Resolution to Approve Housing Discretionary Recipients
5. Resolution to Support the Glove Manufacturing
6. Resolution to Support the Red Willow Farm Board to Request the NN \$50,000
7. Resolution to Approve a Purchase for Out-Going Council Delegate
8. Resolution for a Budget Transfer
9. Resolution to Approve Funds for Training Funds for the Officials and CSC

Motion: Larson Manuelito

Second: Julie Badonie

Vote: 3-0-1

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

See handout.

Invite Commissioner Billy Moore to the chapter meeting.

It was announced that Herb wants a jacket. And Twin Lakes is giving out hay, why are they on the ball and we are not? A pot luck was recommended during the next chapter meeting for Olin and the in-coming Council Delegate. Who is going to do the main dish? The Chapter or three Officials? The roast beef is the main dish on January 23, 2019.

No Veterans meeting for January 2019, not until February 2019.

## **ADJOURNMENT**


3:30 p.m.

Motion: Sonny Moore

Second: Larson Manuelito

Vote: 3-0-1

Submitted by;



Harry "Sonny" Moore  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Tohatchi Chapter  
January 10, 2019

cc: Mrs. Julie Badonie  
Mr. Larson Manuelito  
Ms. Lucinda Barney  
Mr. Deon Ben  
Mr. Olin Kieyoomia  
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## TOHATCHI CHAPTER COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING FEBRUARY 04, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

Meeting Recorded

### MINUTES

#### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:20 am

#### ROLL CALL

Mr. Larson Manuelito, Vice-President, Mr. Sonny Moore, Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Leonard McReeves, Grazing Officer, Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, President, Red Willow Farm

Absent: Mrs. Julie Badonie, President

#### INVOCATION

Mr. Larson Manuelito

#### RECOGNITION OF GUEST

\*Lucas Bair, National Geological Survey, Farmington, NM

\*Byron Bitsoie, Navajo Land Department, Navajo Nation

\*Edmond Tso, Emergency Management, Navajo Nation

#### COMMUNITY REQUESTS

^Mr. Hubert Becenti-at his place, the late James Becenti residence. On the South side, the foundation looks like it is settling. The carpenters did look at the situation and reported the foundation was not built correctly and needs to be upgraded. Ms. Lucinda Barney was instructed to come up with a material list. Has this material been prepared? Mrs. Badonie and CSC were not in the meeting. Mr. Becenti was advised that the Vice-President will follow-up with the absent personnel.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

See Reports and Presentations

## REPORTS OR PRESENTATIONS

\*Lucas Bair-USGS-Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon Dam, how does it function and also downstream. This project is to reach out to the Navajo Nation to educate the people on the survey of these sites. He is requesting to be on the agenda during the next chapter meeting. He anticipates conducting the survey here at the chapter. Mr. Ben questioned and stated that this may be the first time the New Mexico chapters have been included in the survey and we are part of the San Juan water basin which makes us as major stakeholders in the San Juan and Colorado River. The Navajo Nation does not have a voice in the policies of the recreational activities of the Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon Dam. Mr. Bair will be on the agenda for the chapter meeting and will share his information.

\*Byron Bitsoie-Mr. Sonny Moore gave an update on the activities that led to Mr. Bitsoie being here. The discussion centered around the eight sites and how we are splitting up these responsibilities with the hiring of private surveyors and having Mr. Bitsoie assisting the chapter with the surveying. The CLUPC President included the reasons for these surveys and the partnership that is growing with the Health Center planning committee. Mr. Bitsoie stated that the diversion dam (canal to the lake) has been surveyed. Mr. Sonny Moore gave his input on capacity, caliber, management, and leadership. Mr. Bitsoie would like to start (on Friday) the existing cemetery and the plans for expansion and then the former Detention Center. The water line at the cemetery should be blue staked by NTUA. It sounds like he wants to do all eight projects.

\*Edmond Tso-Emergency Management- Incident Command System training. ICS 100 and 700 are the two classes that are available for us to take. March 13, 2019 is the date of the training. These training go hand-in-hand with the emergency management plan. He is assigned to District 14. The District 14 Emergency Management Plan is still on the "things to do" to complete the task.

\*Leonard McReeves-requested to go first because he is on his way to another meeting in Crownpoint. He wants tally counts for all livestock owners. BIA is reviewing all the permits with very little animal units and may defer these permits. There was a horse that got into the cattle guard and had to be killed. The Chooshgai road and the blocking of the view when getting onto the highway 491 came up again. Mr. McReeves says this is a



hazard to the community. Question: are you contacting the people that are living along the power line extension to the Red Willow water well? Mr. McReeves answered that he was working with the people living along the proposed route. Comments made on the blocking of the view (Chooshgai School Road) included, its up to the driver, they need to be careful. Some of the drivers drive too fast. Mrs. Virginia Harvey says they submitted a resolution last year that speaks to this situation. Why wasn't the chapter involved during the initial plans for the highway? And now we want to disturb the earth again? Why? There were comments made on the replacement of the Grazing Officer with a permanent Navajo Nation employee. Mrs. Barney came into the meeting and reported the Huber Becenti foundation situation is beyond repair. It was decided to that this group will get together to further discuss any other remedies. Then, there was another situation about a dam or dike (along Red Willow road) that was built recently, however, the heavy rains last year took out the dam and wanted the chapter to reclean and rebuild the dam or dike. The Vice-President asked the CLUPC President (Mr. Ben was present) to look into this; however, it was referred back to the Vice-President since he was assigned to "Roads." It was mentioned that there is a resolution that speaks to the situation and the Vice will follow-up with NNDOT.

\*Geneva Begay, Red Willow Farm-Natural Resources or Water Resource recently dug up the pipes and left it. She is requesting to bury or remove the old pipe. The Vice-President will refer the situation to the President and perhaps a letter to the Water Resource may suffice.

\*Mrs. Virginia Harvey-requested to be on the agenda for the reauthorization of the Chooshgai School.

\*Council Delegate Pernell Halona- He was looking forward to the strategic session tomorrow; however, it was postponed. He is planning to meet with the legislators on Friday in Santa Fe with all the chapters present. I informed him that Tohatchi Chapter is planning to attend or lobby the legislators on Thursday. It was suggested that to keep the strategic session scheduled for tomorrow and how it is important to keep everyone working together to prepare for the Santa Fe legislators. According to his understanding, we can ask for five projects in Santa Fe. He was selected to be on the Health, Education, and Human Resources committee. He mentions a museum for the Code Talkers to be

located in Tse Bonito. The Navajo Generating Station (NGS) is scheduled to be closed in 2020. Will lose \$30 to \$40 million dollars in revenues if the NGS is closed down. NTEC is looking into keeping the NGS open and this is yet to be seen.

\*Red Willow Farm-Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly and Geneva, in the plans are for a heavy-duty farm tractor with implements. Thus, their reason for the trip to Santa Fe and her son has been doing the proposals for Red Willow. This was last Friday during Indian Day even though it was very busy they were able to lobby for their request. The power line for the water well is being surveyed by NTUA. Mr. Bitsilly is looking for two individuals for the Aging Program that will speak and work with the elders. She gave a brief report on her visit to the Governor's office. She is very happy that the Red Willow project is almost complete and how Geneva is her protégé. They are planning to burn some greasewood at the farm. We need to begin to work together and meet quarterly. She has been active with the chapter for 54 years.

\*CLUPC by President Mr. Deon Ben, a couple of recommendations to chapter. Planning a celebration for the recent approval of the Land Use Planning document during the next chapter meeting. Tohatchi BIA Boarding School land tract will be the priority for CLUPC. There are plans to have a strategic planning work session to go through the document to reprioritize. Lillian Barney and Deon Ben have been selected to be part of the joint Health Center planning committee.

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR CHAPTER MEETING**

1. Resolution to Approve Surveying Contract for Four Business Site
2. Resolution to Request the Funds from the Capital Improvement Projects
3. Resolution to Request the Navajo Nation Matching Funds
4. Resolution to Approve the Housing Discretionary Funds for Approved Community Members (more information on the recipients will be forth coming)
5. Resolution to Approve a within Fund Budget Transfer
6. Resolution to Support the Impact Aid and the Ramification from the Yazzie/Martinez Lawsuit

These were the resolutions read to the audience.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Red Willow Meeting on Tuesday, February 05,2019

Strategic Work Session on Tuesday, 10 a.m., February 05, 2019

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Sonny Moore  
At 3:10 p.m.

Second: Larson Manuelito

Vote: 2-0

Submitted by;

*1 "Sonny" Moore*

Mr. Sonny Moore  
Secretary/Treasurer  
February 6, 2019

Cc:

Mrs. Julie Badonie, President  
Mr. Larson Manuelito, Vice-President  
Ms. Lucinda Barney, CSC  
Mr. Deon Ben, President, CLUPC  
Mr. Mike Begay, Vice-President, CLUPC  
Mr. Leonard McReeves, Grazing Officer  
Mrs. Dorothy Bitsilly, President, Red Willow Farm  
Mr. Pernell Halona, Council Delegate  
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