TEMPORARY AUTHORIZE QUORUM REDUCTION MEETING
March 03, 2022 @ 1:00pm
TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA

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I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 1:16 PM

II. ROLL CALL: President Sonny Moore, Vice President Mike Halona, Secretary/Treasurer Jean Crawford, and Grazing Officer Moore.

III. INVOCATION: Geneva Begay
   President Moore - From the latest executive order, they would like to have community members making motions not so much the officials doing the motioning and they also want us to move back to our regular quorum which would be 17 people in our chapter. Today, since we don’t have 17 people here, we will be abiding by the 3-quorum rule. Also, just to let the community know, some of the voter registration information has been purged and we would like the community to call to see if they are still registered as a voter in our community.

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
   Motion: Geneva Begay 2nd Priscilla Duncan Vote: 5-0-1
   For the record, the time of the agenda has been changed from 10AM to 1PM.

V. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2022 QUORUM REDUCTION MEETING MINUTES:
   Motion to read on your own:
   1st Geneva Begay 2nd Gerald Moore Vote: 7-0-2

VI. PRESENTATION
   Kevin Mitchell - I did invite the District 14 chapter officials to the Tohatchi girls’ game just for recognition. It’s important to me to reach out to our chapter houses since we do work together with our schools here in Tohatchi and at Twin Lakes. I appreciate the officials who did show up and they enjoyed an evening of basketball.

   Superintendent Mike Hyatt - I think I mentioned this before, but Tohatchi, you are in the lead for requesting the most reports from GMCS. I appreciate your interest and your support of our students. First thing I would like to share is, there has been a lot of excitement about getting the new Tohatchi High School completed. We have been working hard and the process has been slow with the state of NM. But we did have our first meeting on the design of the new school last week and we will be establishing a committee with several more meetings over the next 4-5 months to inform our architect and to give them feedback as they design the building. Once that process ends, we go out to bid for a few months, then secure a contractor to build the facility. We would likely pump in about 15% more of the cost of the building or increase the size of it, gym size, classroom size and other amenities for the school to make it more appropriate for education for our high school students. The completion date would likely be a little longer than 2 years as to when we can move the students into the facility. A couple of things from the legislations that apply to education, and many of you probably have heard of the raises coming to NM staff who are in education. Our Yazzie/Martinez lawsuit that we are a plaintiff in is a big driver of reforming education and also providing more equitable funding for schools and students that live in our area. One big part of the risk funding which has increased a lot over the last few years to service our students, because we do have a lot of students who are at risk. But also, we have been fighting for added pay for our teachers and staff so we can be more competitive.
So here is a couple of results from legislative sessions, legislators voted and governor signed a bill to increase salaries to start at $50,000 for teachers all the way up to $70,000 for base pay. Also, and interesting and good success story in this is the Navajo Language Culture teachers will also start at $50,000 for base pay. This is an important thing for us because we sometimes find it hard to find Navajo Language Culture teachers for our schools so this will help us be more competitive and encourage more people that speak the language to be able to apply and hopefully to get their certification to teach with us and to teach our kids. Also, minimum wage for staff at all educators in NM will be a minimum of $15 per hour and because of the increase funding and the federal funding that we have received, GMCS is also including to hiring teachers in our areas that we are more competitive with others in the state and country. We are offering sufficient incentives for those who will come back and who will come teach our kids. So, we are starting with moving expenses, and also sign-on incentives of at least $20,500 for a 2-year commitment for teachers to come to our communities and also it actually ranges, if you are from the Navajo Nation or from McKinley County the amount of dollars to come teach for us will go up. We are really trying to recruit local people who know our students and understand the diversity of our communities.

Also, I want you to know about McKinley Academy that’s an early college program that we provide for students in Tohatchi. We have our largest class of students who are working on their associate degree and earning many college credits while they are finishing high school. This year’s class, we have 33 students coming from Tohatchi each day to attend McKinley Academy at UNM. This is pretty exciting because when we first started this program, we had 10 students.

I want to highlight a few pieces of data coming from the Elementary, Mid School and High School in Tohatchi. We have been doing assessments which we do through the year to determine whether students are learning and what their proficiency levels are. So just a couple of highlights Tohatchi Elementary is 5th out of 16 Elementary in the District in Reading and also 6th in Math proficiency. They use to be closer to the bottom but now ranking on the high end of Elementary Schools in McKinley County. Tohatchi Mid School is 2nd overall of all the Mid Schools in Math and 6th grade reading is number 1 in the district. Lastly, Tohatchi High School is number 1 in Reading Scores in the entire School District as far as percentage proficiency also, they’re 2nd in Math. Tohatchi High School has done an incredible job this year, ranking above most of the schools in the district. A big congratulation to all 3 schools.

Some people think the computer devices will no longer be with students now that the pandemic appears to be subsiding, but we as a district school board is very committed to continuing to provide one to one device for all students for the future. So, no matter what state we are in as a country, nation, as a state for education we will continue to allocate dollars to make sure every student has an electronic device to access technology. Tonight, you will see the new design for the Tohatchi High School activity bus. We have been working hard to try to come to an agreement as to what the bus will look like. We are finally really, really close, just need to make a couple of adjustments. All the districts in the state have activity buses that are painted and we, the board wanted to make sure our students have the best-looking sports activity bus in the state and I think we accomplished that.

You should have received in your email and we have sent it out to all parents, students, staff, and GMCS surveys to inform the board as they look to revisit their strategists plan called “elevate 2022.” They will be revising that plan and looking at it this spring and then hopefully by summertime they will be releasing a revised strategists plan for the community. So, we value everyone’s input and if you did not receive a survey, please contact your school and if you are a chapter official in the community, we have an electronic survey for you as well.

We are completing the installation and working on the professional development for what is called “interactive boards” for all classrooms in the district. These are interactive screens that teachers can use to instruct students in a different way using technology, and its just another added resource the School Board
wants to improve instruction for our students to make sure we have the updated and latest technology for our kids.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford - I would like to know if the heating system has been repaired at the elementary school. This heating issue was brought up during our Chapter meeting and I'm wondering if it has it been addressed?

Superintendent Hyatt - We did look into that matter and it has been addressed. From time to time, with the state of NM the way they build our schools we tend to have issues with our heating and cooling systems and sometimes the parts are hard to get quickly, especially during the pandemic, but we were able to rectify that.

Vice President Halona - I just want to commend you on your report on all the positive things that are happening for our youth in our community. The great leadership has fulfilled some of our wishes for a better education for the children and given that opportunity to have a better playing field.

Geneva Begay - I want to bring up the issue with all the potholes in the road to the Mid School. Its on road 108 including the loop in from of school.

Superintendent Hyatt - Yes, I will take a drive to the Mid School to take a look at it and get together with the NN as well.

Maria, CSC - Just for Mr. Hyatt and Kevin Mitchell, Tohatchi Chapter will be hosting the “World Cleanup Day” on April 18th through the 21st. I would like to get the schools, teachers, and students involve with the cleanup of our community. We will be providing trash bags daily and lunch will be served to the people who participates in the cleanup on Thursday, April 21st.

Grazing Officer Moore - I learned a teacher has a horse penned up in her backyard. I don’t believe she has permission or documents to allow her to pen a horse in the teacher housing compound.

Superintendent Hyatt - Yes, we do not allow horses as pets in the teacherage. The deputy superintendent and I will address this concern this week.

President Moore - It is very good news we will be getting a new high school, but we are always concerned about the academic side for our students. It looks like we are heading in the right direction and I believe we have to have top performance in all areas. Going back to the 3 R’s, having our students be very proficient in academics, that should be our goal to use some of the funding from the “Impact Aide” money toward those programs.

Vice President Halona - Presenter

ARPA Funding/Projects - As we are speaking, NABI is holding their meeting. Delegates are now really wanting to know what happen to their projects. Who took the projects out and who realigned them? The chapters worked hard on putting together proposals and they were not found on the project listing. IHS and NTUA and other service providers answering those questions as to what they are doing. It sounds like IHS got additional money and trying to stretch those monies. There is also an “Infrastructure money” that is coming out and so some of the projects were taken off of ARPA list and added to the “Infrastructure money” that is coming out causing some confusion. I’m not sure if they all are going to agree but we should know by end of day what has transpired, what decision has been made by council regarding the funding and projects. The big projects focus items are, water, utilities, broadband, and bathroom addition.

The ARPA office that has been established and we have met with RDC regarding the “One Stop Shop” and the legislation developing the plan of operation. I finished my review and added my comments by redlining some of the areas I felt was not needed in the plan of operation. Its administratively done, its just giving the authority to do some of the things we need to streamline. So, in that streamline process what we are proposing is changing the authority process, and it's come down to the group called the regulatory group which is made up of the NN Land Department, General Land Development, Historic Preservation, Minerals, EPA, and Fish and Wildlife. Within the group, each person has submitted a budget to add
additional staff to focus on work in the “One Stop Shop” to process documents coming through. It will all be electronic, you can track it, and given a timeline. So, every project that goes into system, if everything is there it’s uploaded, if its not there it’s NOT uploaded into the 164-review electronic system. Everybody gets to see the project as the exact same time and everybody has 10 days. The system has built in an escalating rule, so on day 3 if they have not open it, they will get a reminder/notification and the supervisor will also get one. On day 5 they get one, their supervisor will get one including the Division Director. Day 10 it’s done, you had your chance and it’s being approved from your particular responsibility with your department, it will now go over for approval. An approval use to go over to the Division then to the President’s Office, it’s gets review then it goes to Legislative Council, then they write a bill for it, then to RDC, and at some point they get a sponsor, that was the process. We proposed to take out RDC and the President’s Office and the group has put that authority on the Land Department to be the approval for all these projects, right-of-way permits, leases, TAA and just about everything. DOJ will still be doing reviews in the 10-day process, but that’s what the “One Stop Shop” will do. For the Land Department, we already received our funding, and we’ve advertised our positions. Last week we did 63 interviews, we'll be making selection early this week and get them into the office as soon as possible and start training them. When the projects that are being proposed are agreed upon, we will be ready, we have trained staff, a system in place so we are just waiting for the 1st project to come through. We will be meeting on Monday to go over the last draft on the “One Stop Shop” and we’ll be submitting for legislation the plan of operation delegation of authority. Officially approving the electronic system that will be used and shorting the time lines in the review process. This process was 8-10 years in the making to get to this point, so it’s finally going to happen and we'll see all put together.

Shirley Barney - For the people who already reside at their homestead but don’t have a homesite lease, would they have to go through the process you just described? What would be the best way to obtain a homesite lease for these individuals? Over in Mexican Springs Chapter, this is the biggest obstacle families are coming up against. They want their electricity hookup, but they can’t without the homesite lease. I’m not sure if it’s the cost of the clearances which is discouraging families to pursue a homesite lease.

Vice President Halona - I keep proposing a quick process and I think I just need to make a bigger push by writing it up and say here it is. Fish and Wildlife and APD will have an opportunity to speak up, but I understand what you are saying and I agree. These families have already been in existence there, so it doesn’t make any sense to get an arch clearance because the land has already been used. Biological is the same way, the animals in the area have already gotten use to the people living there. The impact that they are concerned about has already happen, the people, animals, and environment has adjusted. I want to meet with the environmental reviewer to see if he is willing to put his neck on the line and I’ll tell him my neck will be right there with yours. If he agrees with what I am saying then we can just process the application right away for these families because this is an opportunity that they are not going to have again in the future. If not, who is going to tell these families to move and who will pay for the cost of the move? I think its just a matter of putting this before RDC and RDC can approve it and this would just be for ARPA projects, after 5 years they can go back to the original policy.

Grazing Officer Moore - I’ve come across that same issue with community members, where they will tell me the house, they have been living in has been here for over 60 years. NTUA is wanting a homesite lease, so I’ll ask them to bring the application, I’ll make a note on bottom that this house has been in existence for many years and I’ll do a GPS by getting coordinates, then I’ll sign off on it. I’ve done several like this and I hope that was all that was required of me, as Grazing Officer.

Vice President Halona - You are on the right track Grazing Officer Moore. We know there are people who have been living in an area for years without a homesite lease. To jump start it, on the consent form it should be saying, here’s the house, these are the people who live there, the house has been in existence since
1950, 1960, so on and the Grazing Official acknowledges that by verifying for Land Administration. This takes the place of the consent. If someone at the chapter can do the GPS using google earth and get coordinates for the one acre, that will work. If not, they can come to the office for assistance.

**Grazing Officer Moore** - I’m wondering if Land Administration will be hiring a Compliance Officer?

**Vice President Halona** - Great question, yes, we do but it doesn’t say Compliance Officer, it says Homesite Agent. Each agency is going to receive one Office Aide, to answer the phones, a Homesite Agent who will compile the leases to get them prepared for process and another Homesite Agent who will be the Compliance Officer. The positions will have the same title but different position descriptions, because we were funding last minute, we had to come up with these positions quickly. We were scrambling, and a Compliance Officer position is not classified and it takes 6 months to develop.

**Olin Kieyomia** - ARPA funding relating to NTUA and NECA, as far as what they are requesting is the original homesite. The holdup is with obtaining the homesite leases to move forward with infrastructure and dealing with NTUA and the run around you have to do between the Ft. Defiance Agency office and then back to NTUA. It seems like people are following 2 sets of rules and then it comes back down to Land Department as far as waivers. You have someone at NTUA office that works with chapters in regards to the installation of water or electricity. I would like to recommend we start a resolution process where we list the names of community members who need water or electricity and have them submit homesite leases. The families with homes that have been in existence can get GPS clearances from either the Grazing Officer or Land Administration. NTUA, has received millions of dollars, judging by the work session Naa bik iyati had. It seems like a lot of the applications are on backlog and when applications are incomplete, they are tossed aside and that’s concerning and alarming. So, to make it concrete we’ll have the community members who are in need of infrastructure names on a resolution for documentation and attached the documents to their application to NTUA. Right now, the “Light up Navajo” program is still going on and they are still taking applications for water line and electricity.

**President Moore** - I’ve made a note of your request and I will be working with Maria, CSC and Grazing Officer Moore.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Grazing Officer Moore** - There are 2 programs under AIF, the one we will be talking about is the Emergency Feed for Livestock Program. Most of the chapters have received their funds and I’m now lining up people to sign their agreements/contracts so we can move forward. I’ve made contact with the vendor so they are aware people from our community will be purchasing feed. I will be staggering the voucher process so the feed store will not be overwhelmed with large feed purchases. I will be calling the individuals who qualify and meeting with chapter officials and Maria, to keep them updated and their signatures are also required on these contracts. This is federal money, so we have to make sure we are accounting for everything and we have documentation on file for each recipient. Abuse of the program is something we need to look out for as well. If you are caught abusing, you will no longer be eligible to receive any type of assistance in the future. This will take some time and we need to continue to be patience. The Grazing Officer will have the last say during the distribution process. We received our funding last week an account is being setup for this program.

Like I mention earlier, we have only 38 permittee holders who are in compliance. I have a couple of people come in late, but they will be considered.

**Shirley Barney** - As far as homesite leases that you are signing off on, are these going to NTUA or Land Department? In Mexican Springs, we received some funding for water/electricity hookup projects, we even received funding for the surveys. I went to NTUA for the “light up Navajo” program and was informed I would need more people to be eligible for this program. According to NTUA, NM did not have very many people applying, but AZ had a lot of people apply so they were able to assist them.

**Grazing Officer Moore** - The other AIF program was announced in the Navajo Times and on the radio and
this program is also with the Department of Agriculture. If you remember back in 2020 there was similar program that came out and you had to go online to create an account to get the application. This is sponsor by CKP and NN Department of Agriculture and you can get equipment and feed as well. If you are interested, call the numbers on the newspaper.

President Moore - With this program, you have to have all your documents including all the times you sold cattle. CKP is located in Navajo and they are ready to assist you with your application. The deadline was on February 28, 2022.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford - I'm wondering what type of documentation you have in place as far as what's needed for the funding. I know you have the applications, but is there something else you are requesting for from the recipients? We have all been patiently waiting for over a year now, and the program was supposed to be emergency funding. I don't understand why we have to wait another 2 weeks, when is there is only 38 recipients eligible. How is the voucher going to work?

Grazing Officer Moore - We will be giving a certain amount of money to the vendor and the vendor will submit the names and the amounts of each permittee and that permittee will get a voucher with a given amount and will state for livestock feed only.

Olin Kieyoomia - Did you say the deadline for this program was 28th of February 2022? You stated you will only be working with options 1 and 2 from the legislation which includes permittees who are in compliance with current tally counts, 2nd permittees who have permits but have not had their tally counts completed, but you will not be considering the 3rd option which states every registered enrolled at Tohatchi Chapter is entitled to this AIF program. I believe the chapter should be considering the 3rd option as well because it's written into the legislation. According to this legislation we still have to service everyone in our community. You can't be singling out the people who have livestock at home but not legal grazing permit or have their permit in probate. Everyone should have a fair share of this $38,202.30. That's how RDC committee approved it and it was in consideration of the people who have livestock but not grazing permits. Trying to assist as many people in our community should be our main goal. Grazing Officer Moore stated he closed the application to submit for AIF assistance on January 31, 2022, but will consider other individuals who were turned away, or didn't know about the program.

Grazing Officer Moore - Yes, I understand it's in the legislation, but if you do step 3, you will actually be breaking the law. It's written in policy from BIA and we don't want to promote illegal grazing of livestock without proper documentation. I know it was a problem with the livestock inspectors and department of Agricultural, they did not want to see step 3 because the law states only people with grazing permits can graze their livestock in open range and we are trying to enforce this law. I will be working with option 1 and 2 and we do have 133 permittees in our community. If we distribute evenly, that would $258 per permittee and that would be just around 12-14 bales each. I understand option 3 was very controversial, but it was review in-depth by all involved and it was decided that the decision will ultimately be made by the chapter grazing officers.

Olin Kieyoomia - The reason I'm bringing this up is when RDC passed this resolution to procure funds to 110 chapters, in the legislation it says they used the 50-50 formula. Anytime a 50-50 formula is used by council, they automatically go by the chapter's registered voters which means everyone who is a registered voter is entitled to this AIF fund. The registered voters can come back and say, you used me, you used my vote, you use the number of voters to get that money, that's how the money was dispersed. In the legislation it states the funding is for "eligible chapter members," not "grazing permit holders only." That is why option 3 was added into the legislation for people who have livestock but don't have a grazing permit because they used the 50-50 formula. To simple say I'm not going to do it, I'm not going to give anything to the people who don't have grazing permits is not fair. I think we should try to assist every registered voter during this difficult time.

Grazing Officer Moore - We went over and over this legislation and it was difficult to come to the decision that we were only going with option 1 and 2. But we can include option 3 when it comes down to the chapter,
we can give something to the voters who have no grazing permit but have livestock.

**Byron Bitsie Sr.** - This is supposed to be “emergency funding” and it seems like we are just prolonging the process. I know of other chapters that have already given out vouchers to only their community members who are in compliance with their permits. It is not fair to break the law regarding grazing without a permit. Being a rancher myself, I have to be responsible and be informed as far as being in compliance with my permit. I believe you are doing the right thing, and it may not be fair to the other community members, but the committee should have thought about the verbiage in the legislation. There is nothing fair about breaking the law.

**Geneva Begay** - My grandmother, Yvonne is still waiting on you to do her tally count on her sheep and goats. She asks that you stop by as soon as you can to get this done. My brother has a state brand and has his livestock pinned up. He is assuming if he would be eligible for the AIF funding as well. Over at Coyote Canyon, they are giving the funding to all registered voters, and we should be doing the same to be fair.

**Maria, CSC** - I like to know if someone is a registered voter here at Tohatchi but live in Naschitti or Mexican Springs.

**Grazing Officer Moore** - As long as they are a registered voter with our chapter, they can pickup an application and we will have to review it.

**Shirley Barney** - Over at Mexican Springs chapter, they are using all 3 options. 1 is priority and these are people with grazing permits and current tally counts, 2 is if the permit is in probate but they have livestock, 3 is the people who have no grazing permit, but have to have a tally count. The 1st eligible option will get 8 bales of hay, the 2nd option will get 5 bales of hay and whatever is left will go to people in option 3. I agree with Olin, I think they AIF funding should go to every registered voter because the they bring in money to the chapter. Maybe that is the reason we are losing registered voters here in Tohatchi, we use to have 1500 registered voters, over at Mexican Springs we had 900 registered voters, now we are down to 700. It is hard to get a grazing permit these days and the people who do have permits are lucky. I don’t think its breaking the law because this is how they got the AIF funding with our votes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** - The financial Report for January 2022. Let’s start with the balance sheet which I emailed out to community members on the call. I can go over the amounts in each fund account. The reconciling amount has been reconciled back to the bank. I don’t see any outstanding reconciling items. The checks registered have been reviewed and no discrepancy that I’m aware.

**President Moore** - The only thing I want to bring to staff’s attention is the assets which should be on the balance sheet. So, please include the fix assets in the monthly reports. Our fix asset is around $51,000, when we put all our fix assets into the system, we should have a lot more on our balance sheet.

**Olin Kieyooma** - I stopped by chapter to ask for a printout of Tohatchi’s detail budget and actual transactions. I requested for the ones that had the GL codes and titles and Fund numbers like fund 01, and fund 2 and so forth and I was told they don’t have that. We have to do our do diligent when community members request a budget it should be available to them for their review on or before the meeting. Right now, you are reading off balance sheet but what’s the actual? When you look at the actual it changes, then you look at the available. We’ve just heard the actual projection and I thought the budget would be posted on their website. Website was created for transparency to community. I would be better if the budget was posted so community can review it. The reason I’m bring this up is I see a resolution for today to approve gaming funds for $5,490. Why is all the gaming fund going toward utilities bill? The financial report which was posted at the Chapter, showed a negative in paying our NTUA bill. This is alarming and concerning, I think the chapter officials need to do the do diligent to post the actual budget. We are you doing, what are you spending our money on? I don’t think if this is an action item as far as doing business under the financial report? If it is, I want to motion to table it? If not, we can move on.
President Moore - The report is for January 2022, and that’s how this chapter presents their report. When this report was run, these were the balances and we are now into March. We do have the balance sheet available I don’t know why the staff didn’t provide the balance sheet to you. We do post the financial report on the bulletin board monthly and community members are welcome to review it. You are referring to the Budget to Actual Report. If you want a copy of the budget to actual, staff can print that for you as well.

Olin Kieyoomia - Staff did provide me one, but it looks like it was done on excel, which is not the one I requested for. I looking for the one that is distributed to the chapter, the one with actual GL codes and titles. There you find the budget item to actual and available budget and it tells you how much you have in there and it tells you the title of the fund codes. That one should be available to community like it was done before.

President Moore - Again, you are referring to the Budget to Actual Report and it does show the GL codes and beginning balances and what was spent and of course it depends on when you run the report. So, the budget to actual to balance back to the balance sheet, and it does as of January 31st.

Olin Kieyoomia - I motion to table until March meeting and combine February and March report.

Secretary/Treasurer Crawford - I don’t understand why we are tabling the Financial Report. If he is just wanting the “Budget to Actual Report” that can be printed for him. Why are we tabling the report without justification?

President Moore - He did make a tabling motion and now I’m looking for a second to the motion. Then we can discuss and we can vote.

1st Motion: Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Geneve Begay Vote: 3-0-3

President Moore - There is no discussion on the topic being tabled.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. 025-02-2022 - Resolution to approve payment in the new fiscal year to Mr. Leroy Becenti for work completed in 2019 in amount of $12,253.32.

   Motion: 1st Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Effie Barney Vote: 5-0-1

   Discussion: Geneva - I have a question about house wiring, Miss Lee already has a house but needs the house wiring completed.

2. 026-02-2022 - Resolution to approve gaming funds in amount of $5,490.01 toward chapter’s utility bill for next month.

   Maria, CSC - This amount is a carry-over from 2019, it was carried into 2020 but DCD stated our paperwork was not correct. The controller’s office was dealing with the hardship checks at the time so our paperwork was never processed and now it’s carried into 2022 in the same amount. We would like to use the gaming fund like before and we have budgeted it out to 5 months.

   Motion: 1st Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Geneve Begay Vote: 6-0-1

3. 027-02-2022 - Resolution to approve NTUA and IHS to re-evaluate the water well in Halona Canyon which needs to be repaired.

   Motion: 1st Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Effie Barney Vote: 6-0-2

   President Moore - I think what NTUA has to do is take static levels inside the well hole and try to determine where the pump was sitting and see where the water table level is. It may just require lowering the pipe and lower the pump, I’m not sure exactly what they will need to do.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Representative Wonda Johnson - I just want to touch base with you, I sat in the chapter for a little bit. I want to give you a little bit of updates on your Capital Outlay request during these last 30 days budget session. In house district 5, I received and was about to utilize 1.8 million dollars for capital outlay projects for my chapters, City of Gallup, and McKinley County. I allocated to 14 chapters and I allocated $100,000 for Tohatchi Chapter water system improvements. With that, Tohatchi Chapter has about 3 authorizations
for your chapter projects. I don’t have the list with me, but it looks like you have a re-authorization for power line extension, reauthorization for Tohatchi Chapter Red Willow power line, you may have utilized that line item, Tohatchi Chapter Warehouse has a re-authorization around $400,000. So, you have those funds to complete those projects. According to the re-districting, I no longer have Lake Valley, White Rock, Burnham, and Upper Fruitland. However, I gained Twin Lakes, Crystal and Sanostee. As a state representative I now have the 14 chapters coming down from 19. I am happy to sponsor House Bill 62 which is a bill that will afford grants opportunity council for our entities in this area to write for grants in about 1 million dollars matching funds. I will be back for your next Chapter Meeting next month to give a more in-depth report to the community.

Maria, CSC - We’ve been having several requests for the grader to have roads graded. We do have an operator for the grader and he has been working on getting both tractors up to date as far as maintenance. He has been ordering parts for the heavy equipment and he will be trained on the new backhoe, so I ask the community to please be patient he will be out there soon.

The chapter does have hand sanitizers, masks, and 5-gallon blue water containers available for the community to take. We have wood for sale at $47 a cord and need to pay by money order. We also have coal but you will need to bring back the white coal bags so we can refill them with coal. We don’t have any more of the white bags so we are asking the community to bring back the white bags. There are still a lot of coal left her at chapter which we need to move out. We still have 20-25 coal tickets left and the last to get coal is the end of March 2022. Navajo Mine is only open on Friday and Saturday from 8am-4pm.

Geneva Begay - The 2022 Navajo Farm & Garden Incentive Program starts March 1st. We are asking the current farmers to apply and they can receive $1000, if you want to acquire a plot and apply for the incentive, you only be eligible for $500. The money should be used to clean up your plot, fencing and seeds. I invite to our meeting on March 8th, and we can assist with your application. Website: NavajoAIF.org.

Olin Kieyoomia - March 20th is NN Women Veteran’s Recognition Day. Celebration will be held in W/R. Planning Meeting on March 7th, CLUP Meeting tomorrow March 4th also bid opening on the east flat water drilling project is also tomorrow. Eastern Agency meeting on Saturday, March 5th @ 9am.

IX. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: MARCH 23, 2022 @ 10am

X. ADJOURNMENT: 4pm

1st Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Geneva Begay

Submitted by;

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