TEMPORARY AUTHORIZE QUORUM REDUCTION MEETING
May 18, 2022  10:00am
TOHATCHI CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

AUDIO TELECONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: (575) 567-3331  PIN: 290 206 733#
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I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 10:16AM

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

III. INVOCATION: Tom Begay

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
Resolution 050-05-2022 was added to the agenda. Mike Begay introduced on behalf of Fern Mae Dennison to request for Housing Discretionary Funds.
Motion: 1st Doris Benallie  2nd Franklin Thompson  Vote: 10-0-1

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2022 QUORUM REDUCTION MEETING MINUTES:
Motion to read on your own:
1st Doris Benallie  2nd Franklin Thompson  Vote: 10-0-1

VI. PRESENTATION:
1. First Presenter: Matthew Hughbanks - I am humbly asking for your support and vote on June 7th. I was born in Colorado, 1991 my parents and I moved to Thoreau. My father is a ministry in Thoreau and I graduated in 1993 from Thoreau High School. In 1997, I started my work in law enforcement career as a dispatcher for the NM State Police. I then moved over to the McKinley County Sheriff’s office 2 years later and remained at the Sheriff’s Office until I retired in 2017. I've held many positions with the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office. Prior to my retirement, my wife and I started our company “Red Rock Security Patrol.” My platform is: honor, integrity, and commitment, I believe we need to bring honor back to the McKinley Sheriff’s Office. Integrity goes along with accountable and my commitment to McKinley County citizens is we will be there. I believe in being proactive, in community policing, I believe in working with other agencies in McKinley County, that is working with Navajo Police Department, Zuni Police Department, State Police, and Gallup Police. I want to hear from McKinley County, what their concerns are because I work for the voters and the constituents of McKinley County. I believe in working and supporting our veterans, working with suicide awareness, as well drug and alcohol awareness which is a Hugh problem in our communities and we need to get education, prevention, and treatment facility to address this. I am willing to the Navajo Nation leaders and Chapter officials. I care about McKinley and its citizens. I want to be there for everyone, that is where my heart is.

Doris Benallie - We have 2 sheriff officers and 2 state police living here in Tohatchi and every time we go knocking on their door, they tell us we are off duty and we should call 911. When we call dispatch in Gallup, they tell us to call the NN Police because they are not cross commissioned. Why is it we never hear from the sheriff, only at election time.

Matthew Hughbanks - Yes, I agree. When you are a law enforcement officer, your and officer 24/7. There is nothing that says you cannot help someone who needs help. I will be there for the people of McKinley County. The cross-commission agreement was signed by Frank Gonzales and the leaders of the NN, as well
as the McKinley County Government. It hasn’t been utilized in recent years, the McKinley County Government and the McKinley Sheriff needs to go back to the table with the NN leaders to revamp this to get it going again. It’s broken and we all need to work together to as a team to fix it.

**Shannon Pinto** - I live in Tohatchi and I want to know if you believe in the cultural training that officers should be required to take? And what will you do about the MIW and the Domestic Violence because I’ve been to quite a few a event and I have not seen the Law Enforcement participate or even have a booth alongside with the Behavioral Health or any of the Domestic Violence non-profits in the area.

**Matthew Hughbanks** - There are so many people affected by domestic violence but are afraid to report it so we need to get education out there, we need to get counseling out there for those who are going through domestic violence. When I was working with the Sheriff Office, we did have people who worked with individuals who were going through domestic violence. This is something I’m very interested in and it is part of my platform. Let me prove to you, I will be there for you.

2. **Second Presenter: JT Willie** - I am 37 years old and original from Bahast’lah and my parents are Thomasina and Jimmy Willie and my grandparents are Tom Begay and the late Sally Ann Begay. I work in Window Rock for the NN as the Executive Director for Economic Development. I have my Bachelors and Master’s Degree MBA, and NPA. I will be receiving my PHD in 2025. I started my career with Ft. Defiance Hospital and later worked for NN Arts & Crafts Enterprise for 12 years. I am running for NN Council Delegate and I’m asking for your support. As you know there are 12 of us running for this position and each individual has a different background, experiences, capabilities, and intuition for our people. What can we do differently that has not been done for these 25th council to come into office? and that has been my intention when I decide to run for Council Delegate. I was the very 1st person to submit my application and I have a lot of work experience and I’ve been told just like everyone here, from our parents, grandparents to finish college. I believe my education is what gave me the opportunity to become a NN Executive Director. The has given me a better insight and experience on how that process works in W/R. How do we collaborate together to make change for our communities? I have the time and energy, but most importantly being present, being here, being amongst our chapters. I feel like within District 14, the kind of presence to advocate for the needs and wants for our communities and looking for funding sources. We have a lot of opportunities that we can look to do here, but of course that conversation leads to our council to make those finally decisions. Right now, we have been waiting over a year to decide what we are going to do with a billion dollars. Now, that we have the money, we don’t know what we want to do with it. I do have a platform which is stated on a handout which you can pickup to review. It outlines different areas of needs for our district and I’ve been getting a lot of feedback through the website, they range from children, community building, safety and well fair, empowering families, funding opportunities, infrastructure, home and land transparencies and veterans. I also included the dust storm which has been occurring on highway 491 from Gallup to Shiprock. I’m requesting for your support and vote.

**Secretary/Treasurer Crawford** - Why is it so hard for the chapters to reach out to departments in W/R? For instance, right now, we need Community Development staff to work with us to get a building demolish but it’s been very difficult to get a response from them. We tried emailing and phone calls but they have not responded. What would be your plans to make this process much easier for us at chapter level?

**JT Willie** - I have excellent working relationship with our delegates from Western Navajo. I have a strong relationship with delegates from Eastern Navajo, like Delegate Freeland and Delegate Paul Begay. I also have strong working relationship with Council The last time we had a conversation with Tohatchi involving the Gas station which is abandon. Fleet Management wanted to make it a parking lot for tribal vehicles, but I told them no. It needs to stay as an economic zone so it can be used for development. It might not be anytime soon, but let prepare for it by putting money aside.

**Doris Benallie** - March 23rd meeting minutes, a presentation was given by State Representative Wonda
Johnson where she mentioned $950,000 was given to Tohatchi Chapter. Senator Pinto is asked for funding for the Tohatchi Public Safety Complex. I attended Twin Lakes Chapter meeting and they said they will be moving Tohatchi EMS to Twin Lakes where the old NECA use to be. This was approved last year in August/September. The chapter has designated 2 acres of land for EMS to utilize. Why did Tohatchi lose EMS to Twin Lakes to funding was given to Tohatchi Chapter?

JT Willie - I voted to approve have EMS office to come to Twin Lakes and thank you Tohatchi for handing them over to us. That’s the kind of coordination we need as far as chapters I don’t know or have any kind of privilege to regional planning for each one of our chapters in District 14. I participate in something called the tri-city chapters which is run by Council Delegate Brown which involves 3 chapters coordinating efforts. I also do the same thing with Eastern Navajo and Delegate Freelend. Eleven chapters get together and they have the same coordination effort. It has chapter officials and community members coming together to participate. We do not need situation where miscommunications coming across and we have vital needs such as the medical services trying to find a place to be located. As far as funding opportunity with the state, I’m so glad in New Mexico we have a very good relationship with our state representatives and senators. We receive funding from the state and it is our responsible to make sure the money is being spend and this is where the leaders come into play to make sure we don’t have these mishaps like funding being reverted back to state.

3. Third Presenter: Vincent Muskett: I am from Mexican Springs and my parents were the late Wilson and Ethel Muskett and my wife is Carol Bowman Muskett. I am running for County Commissioner, District One position. I am asking for your support and your vote on June 7th. There are pending Chapter projects which have not been completed because of shortage of funds for example; road projects. I will work to see we receive funding for pending projects. In the future, I will make sure these projects are project ready so we do not come across problems when requesting for funding. It is the responsibility of the County Commissioner to work with things like budget for all the departments in Mckinley County. I am familiar with the responsibilities of a County Commissioner. I worked 14 years for the NM Department of Transportation and took care of the field supplies budget. I prepared the paperwork for road repairs for highway 491, 264, and 134 state roads. I also worked as a Navajo Nation grazing officer. A question was asked about cross-commission. My response is yes, the Navajo Nation and the Mckinley County Sheriff’s department is crossed commissioned but NN has stepped back from this cross-commission because of liable issues. This is currently being discussed in Santa Fe (Lola vs Santa Fe). Mckinley County has helped in paying for the liabilities and if a felony occurred on Tribal land, McKinley County Sheriff’s department can respond and security the scene until a NN police arrives to take over.

President Moore – We have plans to have a forum at Tohatchi High School for the District 14 Council Delegate candidates to present their platforms. We will have some dates soon and looking at July to begin and I’m also coordinating with Carol Bowman Muskett to bring this forum to the high school.

Carol Bowman Muskett – We should ask the community to start writing questions for the candidates and we can put them in a hat and draw questions from there.

Brent Detsoi – Requesting to be put on the agenda for the Planning Meeting on June 6th.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

April 2022 Financial Report: Secretary/Treasurer Crawford - Let’s start with the Balance Sheet, beginning with April 2022, we had in our bank account $515,476.11 is what we started with. Throughout the month, we had outstanding checks and vouchers in the amount of $17,901.73. So, when you subtract that from our beginning balance it leaves us with $486,662.40. If you take the Fund Balance of $484,995.76 plus total Liabilities of $1,666.64 equals to our bank balance of $486,662.40.
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Motion to Accept April 2022 Financial Report:
1st Ira Burbank  2nd Geneva Begay  Vote: 13-0-1

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. **041-05-2022** - Resolution to delete 110 deceased members from our community off of the NN Voter’s Registrar.
   **President Moore** – We removed 110 names but we also added 20 new members to our voter’s registrar.

   Motion: 1st Doris Benallie  2nd Ira Burbank  Vote: 15-0-1

2. **042-05-2022** - Resolution to approve to transfer funds into “District Meeting Stipend” in the amount of $2000 from “Planning Meeting Stipend.”

   Motion: 1st Franklin Thompson  2nd Byron Bitsoie Sr.  Vote: 13-0-2

3. **043-05-2022** - Resolution to support “Scared Wind” to provide fiber optic broadband buildout and establishment of fiber optic infrastructure to be funded by the Federal Communications E-Rate funding, and other funding sources.

   **Clinton Jim** – A request to support Scared Wind’s resolution to provide fiber optic broadband buildout was presented here at this chapter last month, but some community members were concerned the language of the resolution needed to be more applicable to our community as far as the benefits they would be receiving from Sacred Wind. Sacred Wind has since reworded the resolution to make it clearer for our community.

   Motion: 1st Olin Kieyoomia  2nd Mike Begay  Vote: 13-0-3

4. **044-05-2022** - Resolution to declare Racial, and Ethnic Health Inequities and Income Inequality in the Northwestern Arizona and Northeastern New Mexico to be a public health crisis.

   Motion: 1st Mike Begay  2nd Franklin Thompson  Vote: 14-0-2
5. **045-05-2022** – Resolution to approve Mike Begay as our new representative for Soil & Water Conservation District.

**Mike Begay** – There is currently an opening for a position with the Soil & Water Conservation since our representative Dennis Becenti retired. I would like to take over where Dennis left off with the community’s support.

**Motion:** 1st Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Ira Burbank  Vote: 13-0-2


**Motion:** 1st Olin Kieyoomia 2nd Mike Begay  Vote: 13-0-1

7. **047-05-2022** - Resolution to approve $80,000 from the State for Leach Line and Septic Tank replacement for 6 community members.

**Members Include:** Jerry Burbank, Ericka Halona, Dave Tso, Gerald Moore, Larry Francisco, and Jeannie Benally.

**Ira Burbank** – I would like to have my name added to have my septic tank replaced as well. With all the wind storms some people just need to have their septic covered back up with dirt.

**Louise Captain** – I would also like to be considered for a septic and leach line replacement.

**Several People requesting for septic and leach line replacements:** Hardy Thompson, Priscilla Duncan, Doris, Alice, JoAnn Crosby, Angelo Benallie, and Ikeck Benallie, Mildred Morris, Angela Sandoval.

**Geneva Begay** – You can also ask for help through the Rural Development from Farmington if you as an elderly.

**Vice President Halona** – The fact that everyone needs assistance, I would recommend that we table this legislation so we can do a more thorough inventory of all the needs of our community members. We don’t want them to feel like we ignored their needs. I’m hearing some need just repairs, others replacement, and maintenance making it 3 categories we need to work with. Will the $80,000 assist only the 6 or can we add more people to the list and who can we contract with. We also need to get a determination from Window Rock to see if any of the ARPA funding can be used. We can get a budget and list of all the people who are needing septic assistance and request for ARPA funding. This way we have a better representation of the people with this opportunity.

**Maria CSC** – This resolution for $80,000 goes all the way back to when Mrs. Badonic was President. These names were brought to her attention and added on to the list when she was here. We are under a deadline to use this money which is June 30th, so we really need to move on these projects as soon as possible. Home visits were already made and I have met with a contractor, along with 2 other contractors. These families need the whole septic tank replaced including the leach fields. I am starting another list because another $80,000 will be coming in from the state as well. I also have a list going for ARPA funding for minor repairs on their homes and community members can come in to submit an application.

**Senator Pinto** – Why is it taking this long and you have a deadline next month to spend it? And you come and ask me for this money and it’s taking you this long to spend and you have only 5 people. It’s only $80,000 and I say “only” because I asked the chapters for their big projects list. The NN received billions of dollars and it’s a unprecedented time right now for me as senator because their pockets are full and the money is there. There are guidelines because they said these are the needs of the people like water and electricity are basic needs. Why is it taking so long for us to have that list generated and say this is how much my community needs. A year has gone by, the session has gone through, you’ll have to wait until next year and people are saying we have emergencies, this is happening right now. Yes, I get one chance a year during the session, actually maybe every two years because one of those session is the governor’s call. Whatever the governor supports and says yes, you can put that forth during this year and that was this past session. The legislation I got passed was supported by the governor and that is the only reason it got put forth. Now, we have this session coming up, budget year is ending and we are starting our interim committees and I have not gotten a list or seen anything as far as needs and shortfalls for our community. The Finance Committee is already starting and approving the budget for next year. I have nothing to interject to say these are the needs of my people because I have nothing from my chapters. I cannot ask the Finance Committee to get on their agenda unless I have something to present from my
chapters, not the NN but from my chapters. It’s from the bottom up from the people, supported by our
Chapter President putting it into this form. The patentee of this 529, you have to be certified under DFA
when we talk about money coming through and we say, we have this project, the Safety Complex which
was 99% done for the safety of our people and children. I have not heard anyone mention the Safety
Complex. I just need those contracts and the requests, the RFP’s to come in and put it forth. It was
supported by the governor, the County, and the State of NM. I had all the districts, and chapters were
holding on to money to put forth for the Safety Complex. Some Chapters are saying it “Tohatchi” Safety
Complex, it’s not, it’s for the District. It is for the NN Police, EMS, and the Fire Department to be
housed in one building. Now, we hear EMS is being relocated to another area and as far as the
demolition, that ground should have already been broken, the project should be off the ground by now.
That money is about to get reverted because you have a time-limit on it, it’s not a couple of months, it’s a
couple of years. When we go to the State of NM to request for this money, you’re saying you need it or is
it you just want it to say it’s there. Because if you need it, you would spend the money right away and not
just let it sit there. People who have pushed, they have been pushed down, nobody listen to them about
this time line. I will not do those reversions anymore. It will turn into policy right now, if that money is
not spent, you will have to go through the same process again to get it. It will not be that simple to say,
we need a reversion. Tohatchi has had 2 reversions and Shiprock had 3. How do I go to my State
Legislators and say this particular place needs money when they have not already spent the money, we
already gave them? How am I supposed to justify that? And when the money is spent, they want to see
the outcome. We’ve done some really good things because I have the support right now. Not just from
me, but others like the governor and other legislators. I don’t have to debate so much because they know
the needs of the people but it would help to have a list of the needs from our community shared with
me. So, when this list is generated, when it is put out there, it is important, but you also need to register
to vote, because if you are not registered voter of that chapter, then nobody wants to listen to you. We’ve
done a lot of good things together. There are a lot of opportunities and with this money, you don’t have
to go to the chapter. If you are a senior citizen, there are liabilities for disability, and all kind of funding
out there. But do you have people that know where to tap into these funding? I’m only one person to
direct you and you need to listen to people who can assist and give them that platform. So, I ask again,
why are we trying to spend this money in the last month? Where was the planning before that? And if
you are on this list, why are you trying to get on this list now when there was already a list that was
generated before? It is an important year because it’s an election year and with candidates it’s very
important to exercise your right to vote. I believe NM is going to lose out on this money and it will go to
Arizona. All I seen are projects for $150,000 where there are projects like the headstart in Standing Rock
for $4 million to construct and they are ready to open their doors. At Dine College, we put them on a
GO Bond, and I believe it’s an $11 million building. These are all supported by the State, even NTU and
nothing came from the Navajo Nation. You to put pressure on our government to come up with their
part, to spend, to leverage so we can get those big projects. You want a new Chapter House, and all I see
is, we just want a $100,000 for the project. That’s just change! We got 3.2 million per legislator, for me to
allocate as I saw through those Capital Outlay requests, but what am I getting from the chapters, we need
a backbone, we need a grader. That was already done through DOT, you don’t need to come to me for
that. NNDOT are responsible for the roads, it should not be up to the chapter and there are certain
things they should not be charging you for services because you are a NM citizen and live on the Navajo
Nation. I’m just frustrated with the time line of spending funds, I know there has been obstacles
especially with COVID, but the needs are great and the money needs to be spent in a timely manner. The
money is there, and don’t let them tell you no, because it’s there. Again, I can’t stress how important it is
to get on the list and have it submitted. And don’t just think septic tank and leach field, if you are disable
and need ramp, if you’re a senior citizen and you need a bath renovation, tell the chapter and get on their
list.

Motion: 1st Ira Burbank 2nd Mike Begay Vote: 12-0-1

8. 048-05-2022 - Resolution to request NTUA to expedite a right-of-way assessment for a cost estimate,
archoology, and environmental survey to construct a powerline to one home in the vicinity of Tohatchi
Chapter. Estimated cost is over $19,000 for the community member is Rhonda Silago.

Motion: 1st Ira Burbank 2nd Doris Benallie Vote: 9-0-2
9. **049-05-2022 - Resolution to approve $20,082 to complete the Chapter Warehouse.**

**President Moore** – I’m glad you’re here, Senator Pinto because sometimes we are in a dilemma when it comes down to working on some of these funds that come from the state of NM. We have a warehouse project and we received some state funding, Window Rock hired an architect and I think it was $148,000 we received from the state. The architect charged the chapter $128,000 so there is a little a bit of residual. When I start working with W/R (CPMD) with Division of Community Development. I said I want to hang on to this residual to rollover into construction. I was told NO; you can’t do that. I didn’t accept his answer. I went ahead and produced a resolution. The balance was $20,000 which I did not want to give back to the state. What I was planning to do after this is go after the remaining balance. When the architect gives me, the final dollars is when we will know how much it will cost us to build the warehouse. We also included utilities which will drive the price up and looking at sewer repair as well. We have a lot of property back here. I asked the architect with NTUA to build the sewer line so when we decide to build anything else back here, we’ll have the proper size sewer line with manholes with gasline and electric. So, they included that in the cost. In the meantime, monies that come in from the state it goes to Window Rock, unfortunately. It depends who become the project manager, we have those internal issues with W/R. For example: the $80,000, we’ve been asking and asking Window Rock, nobody responds and that is an issue. Yes, we are not certified and we are looking at that to make us a little more autonomous, but for now we have to go that route. With the Safety Complex, we have the same issue, it all depends on who is carrying the biggest stick, or the clout that is needed. It’s back and forth in W/R between 2 divisions. I’m glad Senator Pinto is here to hear that and I was also told it’s hard to work with the State, but it seems like your opening doors, and that’s good to hear. I like to have that kind of a working relationship, even though my hands are slapped sometimes. Being told you can’t do that; it’s supposed to be from government to government from W/R to the State. But I guess there is nothing wrong for us to communicate from here with you also, so we would like to start doing that. So, that is the bureaucracy that is involved.

**Senator Pinto** – This resolution, this is how we conduct meetings, if we have anything that is going to be presented, it has to be handwritten and if we are going to vote on it, the discussion occurs first in case any amendments have to be made. I do not see the resolutions; I don’t have a copy of it and that’s the order we follow when we do business. So, there is a difference between reauthorization and reversion. You can re-authorize it, but reversion is like if you didn’t spend the money and now it’s going to be taken back by the state because you didn’t spend the money in your allocated time for that particular project. Re-authorization is like moving the fund from one project to another and that’s a problem too, because when you talk about a warehouse and I’ve tried to encourage my chapters when I first got into office with my other presidents, we had a little District 14 capital meeting. The way they do business out there, when you see those neighborhoods with the houses, they all look the same, and this is an efficient way to build. You take a couple of plans and you pick the best one and say, this is what we are going to build and we’re going to bring in this contracting company and we’ll build a certain number of these homes. So, I encourage my chapters to come up with a plan, get together and come up with a great chapter house, get an architect and tell him what you need in there, not where you say, well I want a Multi-Purpose Building. What happens to the Multi-Purpose Buildings? They build one huge building and realize they need administration offices, let’s put a wall right here, and so on and so on. This is not a Multi-Purpose Building after adding all the additional offices. We saw that with the Senior Center when the chapter asked for a new Senior Center. They are a separate entity and receive their own money. I ask you to sit down together and get a plan in place for the needs of the community so I don’t have to go an allocate funding for each chapter. Come up with an architect and pay for one plan, one person. Our chapters need renovations because they have been here for so long. Where is the plan to build a better one and a warehouse to go along with it?

The other thing I’m hoping for is an Early Childhood Center, I don’t want my kids in a portable building and they shouldn’t be. The State puts in a bunch of money for Early Childhood. The Navajo Nation gets some of that funding as well. Where is my new Headstart building? No, it’s the chapter house that is priority not the children. When you don’t want to build a Headstart building ahead of a chapter house, I have a problem with that. Then we ask ourselves, why don’t our children want to go to school? Go to the playgrounds and all you see is tumbleweeds. I’ve seen some really bad headstarts that don’t even have the
small toilets for the kids. So, if there are plans for the next 5-10 years, I would like to see it. What gets confusing is when one chapter is asking for $80,000 for a new warehouse and down the road, the next chapter is also asking for a warehouse for $1 million and you wonder what kind of warehouse are they planning to build with a million dollars. This thing of allocating and requesting State monies, how is this chapter different from the chapter down the road that there is such a discrepancy in how much they are requesting? I'm trying to be fair in the people we represent where I can't say, ok we are going to give them the million and this chapter only wants $80,000. No, I get together with representative Johnson, representative Allison, and even the Senators and we look at the list provided to us from the chapters. So, it's shared information to be transparent. After COVID, we know we need storage facilities, not just for dry goods, but for refrigerated goods too. With COVID, the headstart children could only be on the bus for 1 hour, and Mexican Springs and Naschitti do not have a headstart so their parents had to bring them to Tohatchi for classes. Where is the initiative for these children from District 14? The architect of the NN Code Talker Museum was done by students and higher education. They are able to draft 7 plans at no cost. There are talented students out there, but you have to reach out and listen to them.

Motion: 1st Doris Benallie 2nd Council Delegate Halona Vote: 11-0-1

10. 050-05-2022 - This resolution was introduced at the beginning of Chapter Meeting and a request to add on the agenda was approved. Resolution was introduced by Mike Begay for Housing Discretionary Funds request for Fern Mae Dennison. Discretionary Funds in the amount of $1,955.56

Motion: 1st Franklin Thompson 2nd Byron Bitsioe Sr. Vote: 12-0-1

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Meeting June 6th @ 10am, Chapter Meeting June 22nd @ 10am, RWFB Meeting May 23rd @ 1pm, District Grazing Committee Meeting June 2nd @ Mexican Springs Chapter 9am, CLUPC Meeting June 3rd @ 9am, Tohatchi Clinic will be giving boosters on Wednesday from 1:30pm for elderly 50 years and older.

Senator Pinto – When money is allocated from the State to the NN, it is written to the Nation. So, the Nation really does have the authority to do what they want with the money. My recommendation is whoever is your Council Delegate and whoever the President is at the time, if they are not working together on the budget to make sure money comes to the chapter. CPMD is an entity of the Navajo Nation and they take their directions from the Legislative Branch. So, if they decide to move the money for the Safety Complex over to another Safety Complex being built in Arizona, they can do that. Keep that in mind when you go to elect a new Delegate. This Delegate has to be able to get the attention of the Division of Community Development and keep after them until you get your funds for the Safety Complex. The person elected has to be strong in and outside of the chamber to development working relationship with the state and the Nation.

Grazing Officer Moore – We will be discussing the severe drought conditions, the wind storms and what it has done to the vegetation in our area at the next planning meeting. District 14 grazing officers are devising a plan for mandatory livestock reduction. The possibility of a Declaration of Disaster in District 14. The AIF program here at Chapter is working very well and there is a possibility of a 2nd round.

Franklin Thompson – I want to add this as a concern, there has been discussion about building a Multi Propose Building for years now. This is supposed to be for the children in our community to give them a place to go for activities. The other concern is the Safety Complex Building which should be under construction now. I believe it's necessary to get the leaders from District 14 to work together and collaborate on issues. There is the red barn against the hill going up Halona Canyon, it was built and owned by BIA and it's been vacant since. It has been given back to the Chapter. Chapter could look into renovating the barn for the chapter to use. I also want to mention the Veteran in our community who had their money reverted back and the RWFB area where water is running freely and I think the tank is way to small, they would need a bigger tank. So, there are many needs in our community.

Vice President Halona – I just want to thank everyone for coming into the chapter for our chapter meeting. I also want to make my official announcement that I am running for NN Council Delegate for
District 14. I have many years of experience working with the people and the Navajo Nation. I know the needs of our people and the disparities across the Nation. To correct the problems/obstacles encountered is an easy fix, but we have to change the way things are done at the chapter level and in Window Rock. If we continue down the same path we are on now, it will never improve. I would like to tell you of my plans and ideas but I will schedule to present my platform at another time.

XI. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: June 18, 2022 @ 10am

XII. ADJOURNMENT: 1:16pm
Motion: 1st Doris Benallie 2nd Ira Burbank
Submitted by,

[Signature]

Secretary/Treasurer, Tohatchi Chapter May 31, 2022
cc: Mr. Sonny Moore, President
Mr. Mike Halona, Vice-President
Mr. Gerald Moore, Grazing Officer
Ms. Maria Allison, CSC
Mr. Pernell Halona, Council Delegate
Mr. Elvis Bitsilly, LDA