

TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024, AT 10:00 (DST)

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:25 by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Delegate, Cheryl Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by Jesse Thompson.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Jesse Thompson to approve the agenda presented and add under reports ADOT, Jesse Thompson, and seconded by Mona Seamon. The vote was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstentions.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion made by Lucinda Honani to accept/approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Laura Williams. The vote was 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 11 abstentions.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- April 24, 2024, at 8am, NDOT Presentation, Dilcon Community School.
- May 7, 2024, at 9am, Teesto Planning Meeting, Teesto Community Center.
- May 9, 2024, at 9am, Stakeholder's Community Meeting, Teesto Community Center.
- April 18, 2024, at 9am, Special Board Mtg., Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board,
- April 17, 2024, at 9am, Chinchilbeto.
- April 26, 2024, at 9am, Critical Path Mtg., Federal Building, Gallup NM.
- May 7, 2024, St. Mary's Food Bank, Dilcon Community School.
- April 25, 2024, 10am-1pm, Solar Demonstration by Native Renewal, Teesto Compound.
- May is the Older American's Month.
- May 8, 2024, Adopt-An-Elderly Program for Dilcon participants, Teesto Senior Citizen Center.
- May 10, 2024, Elderly Day, Multipurpose Building in Whitecone.
- May 16, 2024, Adopt-An-Elderly Program for Teesto participants, Teesto Senior Citizen Center.School.
- May 16, 2024, Spring Bazaar, Dilcon Community School.
- May 22, 2024, Holbrook Elementary School Last Day of Instruction.
- May 23, 2024, Holbrook High School Graduation.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Approving/Accepting the 2024 March Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the 2024 March Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$408,628.59; Expenses \$36,111.57; Deposits \$882,234.00, Ending Bal. \$1,254,844.65). The community members requested what is under Expenses, what is paid. The financial monthly report is open to the public and ask those questions where you can meet with Ms. Yazzie, AA. The funds are used accordingly and follow the Budget Manual Instruction (BIMs). Motion made by Lucinda Honani to approve the 2024 March Financial Report, seconded by Laura Williams. The vote was 16 in favor 0 opposed, 6 abstentions.
~~Requesting \$6 million from Senator Mark Kelly for water treatment plant design and construction.~~
2. Amending and Approving CJY-56-23 ARPA Funding Allocation to Teesto Chapter an outright purchase of two (2) Heavy Equipment (K2115391 and K2115392) to realize a cost savings of \$171,131.27; and to add this cost savings amount to existing \$256,529.00 Personnel Budget; and to contract the new amount of 427,660.00. Teesto Chapter received their first draw down in the amount of \$880,234.00. Teesto Chapter paid the vendors on the purchase of (2) heavy equipment (front-end loader and forklift) and there is a cost saving in the amount of \$171,131.27. The agreement is to transfer the amount \$171,131.27 to Personnel which totals up to \$427,660.00. Teesto Chapter has decided to Contract out for bids, an RFP will be advertised and bid

opening will take place with Business Regulatory. Motion made by Lucinda Honani to approve Resolution TEE-ARP-00-2024, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions.

3. Requesting the Hopi Tribe to allow inclusion onto the Accommodation Agreement of 18-year-old youth as signers. The information provided is that as soon as the child turn 18 years of age to sign the Accommodation Agreement, if they should wait, they must have their attorney provide documentation on their behalf to Hopi Tribe. Motion made Alfred Pete to approve Resolution TEE-APR-00-2024, seconded by Jesse Thompson. The vote was 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstentions.
4. Requesting Additional Appropriations from the United States Congress mandating the office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to repairs homes or alternatively to do the same using existing surplus funds. ONHIR has received funding in past years. The Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation has been using the funds, they wanted to return the funds back to the Department of the Treasury. Mr. Tom O'Halleran requested to the Congressional Democrat/Republican to allow the funds to stay. There is about \$12 million of that funds and the request is to allow to be used for home repair: purchase of materials. To fully support the request that Congress provide addition funding to ONHIR so the ONHIR may carry out its purpose, which includes the repairing of defective and shoddy construction in homes provided under the Relocation Act to mandate that ONHIR use its surplus funds. Motion made by Juanita Lee to approve Resolution TEE-APR-00-2024, seconded by Lucinda Honani. The vote was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

~~Requesting President Joseph R. Biden appoint a Commissioner to the Office of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation.~~

~~Requesting that \$50 million of the Navajo Nation's American Rescue Plan Act be repurposed to repair homes and provide housing assistance to Navajo Relocated under Public Law 93-531 and the descendants of those relocatees.~~

~~Discussion on the burial regulations.~~

~~Discussion on forming an Education Committee.~~

5. Supporting Passage of Technical Amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act of 1974 and Requesting for Field Hearing. Navajo Hopi Land Commission urging the introduction and passage of the Navajo Nation's Technical Amendments as well as the request for a Field or Congressional hearing. Motion made by Jesse Thompson to approve Resolution TEE-APR-00-2024, seconded by Laura Joe. The vote was 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

VII. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
 - Provided his monthly report on his duties and all meetings attended. The updates on reissuance of livestock permits, and heirship.
3. Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Alberto Peshlakai.
4. Dilcon Community School, Mr. B. Washunas.
 - Proved an overview of all scheduled events/activities.
5. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Ms. M. Bigboy/J. Leonard.
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6. WIHCC, Inc. PIO, Alfred Pete.
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7. WIHCC, Inc. Rep. John Nells.
8. Holbrook Unified School District, Alfred Clark.
 - Provided information on student safety. Parents need to wait at bus stop for their children when they get off the bus. An incident happened where a 13-year-old almost was kidnapped by two Caucasian, she manages to fight off them and ran from them.
 - May 30, 2024, Mr. Alfred Clark will be retiring from Holbrook School District as the Parent Liaison.
9. Senior Citizen Center, Rudie John.
 - There are staff and a driver at the Senior Center. Due to the number of clients and home delivery requesting another driver.
 - The Local Senior Council conducted their first meeting, shared information on the deficiencies, the responsibility of Teesto Chapter maintaining the upkeep, etc. The chapter wanted a Senior Citizen in their community therefore encourage members to eat there.
 - Home delivery is high, we deliver to most clients that live in Dilcon.
 - The services provided are eyeglasses, dentures, and hearing aids.

- OEH did their inspection back in January and at that time we had some deficiencies which needs to be corrected before the next inspection. If the correction is not done, there is a possibility of a shut-down. The invoice forwarded needs to be paid and have the motor replaced before it gives out.
- In contact with Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai. When in the area he stops by our center for a visit or update.
- The scheduled event for Elderly Day in Whitecone.
- The Adopt-An-Elderly will be here to deliver the elderly food boxes. (Dilcon and Teesto).
- The roads we drive on need to be graded, our van is wearing down due to rough roads.
- Emails are sent to Teesto Chapter and no response, therefore quit emailing.
- Some of our elderly are home alone and the staff checks on them to make sure they are doing well.
- Requesting for a new van and driver.
- The center serves over 200 clients and is open to 60 years of age and over.
- Next scheduled Local Senior Citizen Mtg, May 6 at 1pm (DST).
- For home delivery the client must provide a doctor's referral and an assessment is done. Must be eligible for the services.

10. Chapter Official:

- President, Elmer Clark.
 - Attended the Ft. Defiance Agency Council Meeting, shared information received at the meeting. One of them is the upcoming election for Chapter Officials, School Board, Farm Board, and Grazing Official. Election Packet can be picked up April 29 with a closing date in May. Primary election in July and General election in November, the fee is \$200.00.
- Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
 - ARPA project requiring (3) quotes and at the time of receiving quotes the sales tax wasn't included. Also, the cost of material has increased.
 - Road 602 need repair, the road is very rough and potholes.
- Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
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- Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board, Sophia Francis.
 - Attending the Special Board Meeting at Hunter's Point School regarding Contract/Non-Renewal, Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Motion made by Chelsea Chee to approve all verbal reports, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was Majority.


VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2024, at 10:00am (DST), Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by Jesse Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 4:23pm, seconded by Mona Seamon. The vote was Majority.

Submitted by:



 Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer



 Date