

Teesto Chapter Planning Meeting  
Teesto Community Center  
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 9:00am (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call Meeting to Order at 9:26am, Chapter President Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by Morgan Yazzie.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Morgan Yazzie to approve the agenda presented to include under New Business, seconded by Sophia Francis. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES. March 2, 2024

Motion made by Sophia Francis to approve/accept previous meeting minutes March 2, 2023, seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 3 favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT

1. April 9, 2024, at 9:00am Tse'Hootsoi Regional Navajo School Brd Mtg., Choo'shgai.
2. April 18, 2024, at 9:00am Tse'Hootsoi Regional Navajo School Brd. Special Mtg., Hunters Point Boarding School.
3. April 04, 2024, District 7 Grazing Mtg, Jeddito
4. April 15, 2024, Ft. Defiance Grazing Mtg., Museum, Window Rock.
5. April 17, 2024, NPL Joint Grazing Mtg., Chilchinbeto.
6. April 29, 2024, Navajo Sovereignty Day (Holiday).
7. April 13, 2024, T 9:00am, Ft. Defiance Agency Council Mtg, Navajo, NM.
8. April 18-21, 2024, Native American Church Event, Texas.

V. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
  - ARPA Update. The fund is here and created an account. The purchase of heavy equipment, request of the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw down for material, and preparing an RFP for contractor. The contractor takes care of its own payroll and taxes, they will provide the warranty for the home repair. There is a saving of about \$171K if the heavy equipment is purchased, the saving will go toward the workforce. There will be a process and MOA will be in placed for the applicants.
  - Community Housing Infrastructure Development (CHID). Mr. Clinton Jim has made his visit to our chapter. They approved 10 applicants for our community and 5 are not approved due to the incomplete homesite lease.
  - Emergency Fund Management Plan/Plan of Operation. The emergency funds that the Council approves and gives to chapter are to be used for planning not used for assistance. An updated Emergency Plan of Operation and CERT team is requested.
  - Roger that Program. There was a tablet given to veterans to help them with finding employment, and a Telehealth for doctor's appointment. Ms. C. Williams took the tablet and doesn't know where it's stationed.
  - Rural Addressing. Meet with ADOT on Highway 87 on the signage, there's an incomplete application is what we are being told. Put the project on hold for now.

- Roads: Working with Navajo County on Gravel project toward J. Attakai, G. Yazzie, and J. Mitchell's road.
3. Chapter Officials/Grazing Official:
    - a. President, Elmer Clark.
      - Provided an overview of the ARPA project for Teesto Community and meetings attended.
    - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
      - Information on the upcoming event "Moving Wall" Vietnam Veteran, Twin Arrows in June 2024.
      - A Non-Profit Organization for the Native American Church holds a prayer service in Texas this is coming up and will be traveling down.
      - There's an Eclipse on April 8.
      - Concerning the Seba Dalkai Boarding School enrollment, they have only about 45 students enrolled. Ms. Stago has planned to establish a Education Committee within Teesto Community. We need some discussion on how to bring the enrollment up and need to hear from the school administrator.
    - c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
    - d. Grazing Officer, Morgan Yazzie.
      - Try to attend all monthly meetings and at times there's a conflict in the schedule.
      - Doing GPS for homesite lease for applicants, electrical and waterline.
      - Animal Right-of-Way, livestock owners not being responsible taking care of their livestock. These animals go onto the road, and they get hit.
  4. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board, Sophia Francis.
  5. Teesto Senior Citizen Center, Rudie John
    - Informed the chapter of the repairs that needs to be done before OEH makes another inspection. The repairs needed are the walk-in freezer, the cooler, cleaning the vents, and repairing the leaking roof/ceiling.
    - The Agreement in place states it's the responsibility of the chapter to do the repairs. It was shared before and memos have been sent. During the conversation and meeting attended awhile back during the ARPA meeting it was brought up that the Senior Citizen Center needed some repair. But it was never added to the plan.
    - The center feeds over 250 registered clients mostly from Dilcon, we need to encourage Teesto elders to eat at their center.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Amending the resolution regarding the Leupp Water Treatment Plant.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Recommending Approving/Accepting the 2024 March Financial Report.
2. Requesting \$6 million from Senator Mark Kelly for water treatment plant design and construction.
3. Amending the ARPA, the purchase of heavy equipment and eliminating the workforce position to 4.
4. Requesting Hopi Tribe to allow the 75-year lease Accommodation Agreement for 18-year-old to sign.
5. Requesting additional appropriations from the United States Congress mandating the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to repair homes or alternatively to do the same using existing surplus funds.
6. Requesting President Joseph R. Biden appoint a Commissioner to the Office of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation.

7. 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.

8. Discussion on the burial regulations.

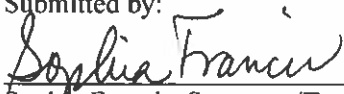
9. Discussion on forming an Education Committee.

Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to approve all New Business action items to be forwarded to chapter regular meeting, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

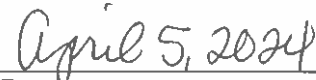
VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 7, 2024, at 9:00am (DST). Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by Sophia Francis to adjourn the meeting at 1:04pm, seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

Submitted by:



Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer



Date