

TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING  
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023, AT 9:00AM (DST)

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARIES.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call:
3. Invocation

II. READING & ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

III. READING & ACCEPTING THE LAST MEETING MINUTES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. October 16, 2023, at 10am Regular Chapter Mtg, Teesto Community Center.
2. October 10, 2023, at 9am DST Tse'Hootsoi Navajo School Board Mtg, Greasewood.
3. October 11, 2023, at 8am DST Work Session: Greasewood Springs Community School, Gallup NM
4. October 18-20, 2023, NIEA Convention & Trade Show, Albuquerque, NM
5. October 26-27, 2023, DBOSBA Fall Conference, Twin Arrows, Flagstaff, AZ.
6. October 26-28, 2023, NAGSA Fall Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

V. REPORTS:

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
3. Chapter Official:
  - a. President, Elmer Clark.
  - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis
  - d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
  - e. Tse'Hootsoi II Navajo Regional School Board Member, Sophia Francis.
4. Voter Outreach Coordinator, Isaura Nez.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Recommending to Approve/Accepting the 2023 September Financial Report.
2. Supporting Teesto Chapter to join the Navajo County District 2 Graveling Project for ten (10) Navajo Nation Chapters and Request the Navajo Division of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs to Partnership with Navajo County to sustain dirt roads.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 6, 2023, at 9:00am DST, Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

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I. PRELIMINARIES.

1. Call Meeting to Order at 9:29am by Chapter Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie were present. Honorable Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie absent.
3. The invocation was given by Sophia Francis.

II. READING & ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Elmer Clark to adopt the agenda presented with changes to include under New Business: 3. Resolution to address concern of Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie not attending Teesto Planning and Chapter Meetings. 4. Approving and Accepting the Fiscal Year 2023 into Fiscal Year 2024 Carryover Budget in the amount of \$208,967.39. 5. Recommending and Accepting Annual Allocation to Teesto Chapter in the amount of \$324,889.00. 6. Recommending Increasing Revenue for Teesto Chapter, seconded by Sophia Francis. The vote was 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

III. READING & ACCEPTING THE LAST MEETING MINUTES.

Motion made by Elmer to accept the last meeting minutes, seconded by Sophia Francis. The vote was 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

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7. October 6, 2023, Ft. Defiance Agency Veteran's Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
8. October 5, 2023, District 7 Grazing Mtg., Jeddito Chapter.
9. October 16, 2023, Ft. Defiance Agency Grazing Mtg., Ft. Defiance Chapter.
10. October 17, 2023, NPL Joint Mtg., TBD.

V. REPORTS:

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
  - ARPA update: Received email from Ryan to meet on the IDQ this is for the home improvement. They are informing us that they want to keep the funds within their department. We haven't met with IDS&A and we scheduled a meeting which never happened. On October 12 tried to make another contact with no response. There is a new director for DCD who is Arbin Mitchell, Mr. C. Castillo was let go. Also, an Acting Director for NHLIC is Sarah Slim. So far, the SRA hasn't gone through and no business unit number.
  - New Fiscal Year, October 1, 2023. We had our staff orientation and meeting. We have the following positions filled: Sharon Begay, Office Specialist, Lorenzo Lee, Custodian, Marquez Vandever, Mail Clerk/IST. The maintenance technician position will be re-advertised in 10 days.

- Insurance: Auto and Property Insurance hasn't been re-issued. All the necessary 1,621.00. The personnel fund, the salary scale received which was not attached to BIMs and short in funding. The fund for our electricity is \$12,988.00 and to cover our expenses throughout the year.
  - ARPA Housing Applications: We received 43 applications. The 10 homes, the individuals were contacted. Patrick Dalgai, the contact person, is putting the report together and waiting for a response.
  - Post Office hours: 9am-3pm. Will be updating the website including the Senior Citizen Center.
  - Working on getting another quote for heavy equipment. Re-do the quote and submit it to Ryan.
3. Chapter Official:
- a. President, Elmer Clark.
    - We assisted M. Billie and L. Bedonie with their application. Ms. S. Begay was a big help in providing her assistance.
    - The GYM usage. The facility usage for organization local and outside. The fee charged for local no fee and used during the week 8am-5pm, weekend usage there is a charge for cleaning and other expenses incurred. Outside organization will be charged.
  - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
    - Recommending a bus shelter for students while waiting for the bus. This is a concern that our students wait in an area that is unsafe and when there is cold/wet weather they wait for the bus it gets muddy.
    - Requesting for labor to be hired to help vetercan's that are getting housing assistance. It's hard to do the work.
    - Community asking if there will be firewood delivered this year. It's getting hard and limited to get firewood.
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis
    - Attended the appreciation luncheon for Mr. Benally in Flagstaff. The luncheon was paid for by attendees. The chapter funding was not used.
    - Recommendation to Increase revenues, trash, water, and heavy equipment usage. There is an increased in all cost of trash pick-up, water from NTUA, and fuel for heavy equipment Teesto chapter does not receive a lot of funding from Window Rock, therefore we need to increase our revenues.
    - The Spay/Neuter event was good. Some of our pets received services.
    - Attended the District 7 Council Meeting in Whitecone. The attendance was low with only Whitecone, Jeddito, Greasewood, Indian Wells, and Teesto.
  - d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
    - Try to attend all monthly meetings. Sometime there is a conflict in meeting schedules and will not attend.
    - Attended work session that was planned in the month of September. Received overview of forms and changes.
    - Land Department: the usage of GPS.
    - Tally continued and this is the 4<sup>th</sup> round. At times unavailable to make field visits due to other appointments.
  - e. Tse'Hootsoi II Navajo Regional School Board Member, Sophia Francis.
4. Voter Outreach Coordinator, Isaura Nez.
- The information provided on the upcoming election. Any budget increase continuation authorized by this election shall be entirely funded by a levy of taxes on the taxable property in this school district for the year for which is adopted. HUSD

Governing Board to continue/extend the existing maintenance and operating budget override and the resulting tax.

- The community members living on the East side of Teesto Chapter about 2 miles, you are encouraged to vote. The voting information should have been mailed out to you and the voting location.
- October 26, 2023, Early voting.
- November 7, 2023, is Election Day. Come out to vote.

**Motion made by Elmer Clark to accept all oral reports, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.**

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Requesting NACOG Northern Arizona Council of Government to do a road study/feasibility.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS.

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6. Recommending Increasing Revenue for Teesto Chapter.

**Motion made by Elmer Clark to approve all business action items for chapter member's approval at regular chapter meeting, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.**

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 6, 2023, at 9:00am DST, Teesto Community Center.

#### IX. ADJOURNMENT.

**Motion made by Sophia Francis to adjourn the meeting at 12:39pm, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

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Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date.

TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING  
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VII. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Alberto Peshlakai
3. Voter Outreach Coordinator, Isaura Nez.
4. WIHCC, Inc., PIO-Alfred Pete
5. WIHCC, Inc., Rep, John Nells
6. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Maye Bigboy/Jonathan Leonard.
7. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
8. Chapter Officials:
  - a. President, Elmer Clark.
  - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
  - d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
9. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board Member. Sophia Francis.

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I. PRELIMINARIES,

1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:56am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by John Nells.

II. READING & ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Motion made by John Nells to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Myron Paddock. The vote was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

III. READING & ACCEPTING THE LAST MEETING MINUTES.

Motion made by Juanita Lee to accept the last meeting minutes, seconded by Lucinda Honani. The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion carried.

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5. October 17, 2023, NPL Joint Mtg., TBD.
6. October 21, 2023, Ft. Defiance Agency Council Mtg, Coyote Canyon.
7. October 31, 2023, TAG Mtg., Virtual
8. November 2, 2023, District 7 Grazing Mtg.
9. November 15, 2023, Ft. Defiance Agency Grazing Mtg.
10. November 21, 2023, NPL Joint Mtg., TBA
11. November 4, 2023, at 9am Veteran's Summit, Teesto Community Center

V. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Supporting and Recommending a need for a study of rural school bus routes in Northeastern Arizona to determine if it relates to improving student attendance, educational outcomes, and roadway network maintenance as a regional planning effort. Roadway conditions in Northeastern Arizona likely affects students negatively on rural and tribal school bus routes that may cause significant delays or even canceled bus service when roads cannot be maintained due chronic underinvestment leading to adequate and proper road maintenance especially during times of severe inclement weather. Additional investigation is warranted to pinpoint the region's most severe safety and mobility issues affecting the reliability and effectiveness of school bus services by comprehensive data collection and analysis of the following items: roadway condition, bus maintenance, bus route information, flooding, roadway maintenance, and student attendance & performance, **Motion made by Myron Paddock to approve resolution TEE-OCT-03-2024, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion carried.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Approve/Accepting the 2023 September Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the 2023 September Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$248,759.39; Expenses \$41,297.58; Deposits \$1,505.58; Ending Bal. \$208,967.39). **Motion made by Gloria Begay to approve the 2023 September Financial Report, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion carried.**
2. Supporting Teesto Chapter to join the Navajo County District 2 Graveling Project for ten (10) Navajo Nation Chapters and Request the Navajo Division of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs to Partnership with Navajo County to sustain dirt roads. **Motion made by Juanita Lee to approve resolution TEE-OCT-04-2023, seconded by Myron Paddock. The vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.**
3. Resolution to address concern of Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie not attending Teesto Planning and Chapter Meetings. In the discussion and concerns of the community members they voiced that we need our council

delegate to participate in our monthly planning and chapter meetings. We need our council delegate to advocate and request funding. **Motion made by Lucinda Hononi to approve the prepare a resolution stating that the council delegate participant our monthly meetings, seconded by Sharon Begay. The vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion carried.**

4. Approving and Accepting the Fiscal Year 2023 into Fiscal Year 2024 Carryover Budget in the amount of \$208,967.39. Chapter Manager reviewed the FY 2023 Carryover budget as follows:

• 01-Chapter Activity General Funds	\$9,181.16
• 02-Chapter Personnel Fund	\$53,918.95
• 03-Trust Funds/Land Claims Trust Funds	\$1,225.90
• 08-Summer Youth Employment Funds	\$24,396.17
• 10-Local Governance Act Grant Funds	\$13,534.84
• 12-Chapter Official Stipend Funds	\$9,437.03
• 15-Public Employment Project Fund	\$30,364.49
• 17-Emergency Funds	\$8,959.83
• 23-Navajo Nation Sales Tax Fund	\$35,649.77
• 24-Navajo Nation Capital Improvement Project Fund	\$2.55
• 28-Senior Center County Funds	\$1,646.63
• 34-Agriculture and Infrastructure	\$7,024.70
• 40-Unhealthy Food Tax Fund	\$13,625.37

**Motion made by Juanita Lee to approve resolution TEE-OCT-01-2023, seconded by Myron Paddock. The vote was 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained. Motion carried.**

5. Approving and Accepting Annual Allocation to Teesto Chapter in the amount of \$324,889.00. Chapter Manager reviewed the FY 2024 Annual Allocation as follows:

• Personnel & Fringe	\$126,547.00
• Stipend	\$37,800.00
• General Liability Chapter Personnel	\$215.00
• Workers Comp for Chapter Personnel	\$662.00
• Workers Comp for Chapter Officials	\$280.00
• Non-Administrative Costs	\$113,523.00
• Special Revenue Land Claims Trust	\$12,988.00
• Special Revenue Scholarships	\$1,621.00
• Permanent Funds Veterans Awards	\$5,000.00
• Personnel Lapse Funds Chapter Utility	\$12,359.00
• Permanent Funds Chapter Scholarship	\$13,894.00

**Motion made by Juanita Lee to approve resolution TEE-OCT-02-2023, seconded by Lucinda Honani. The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained. Motion carried.**

6. Recommending Increasing Revenue for Teesto Chapter. **Motion made by John Nells to defer this item, seconded by Aurora Holmes. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.**

## VII. REPORT

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cheryl Yazzie.
2. Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Alberto Peshlakai\
3. Voter Outreach Coordinator, Isaura Nez.
  - Provided with information on the upcoming election in November, Ms. Nez informed the community members that individuals should be receiving ballot information on location to vote. The HUSD is requesting additional funds to cover expenses/cost for their school. It's a BOND election which will be coming from the property tax money that is collected by the county.
4. WIHCC, Inc. PIO, Alfred Pete
  - Update on the dire need of medical staff (doctors, nurses, and other medical practitioners).
  - Annual Flu Immunization: There will be a community Flu Shots scheduled in various locations (chapters and schools).
  - The virus COVID is slowly increasing. The WIHCC staff received the new vaccination and will be announced when its available for patients. We are not making it mandatory but encouraging patients to get the shot.

- The Dilcon Medical Center is a public building and open to everyone. The facility personnel are working on making sure that all accessible entries are working for individuals that are physical with disabilities. Also, they are currently working on the entrance to the cafeteria and must be ADA approved.
  - Dilcon Medical Center is slowing getting patients for medical services. During the week they are transporting medical staff from Winslow. We appreciate the medical health professionals that are working at the new facility and show your appreciation.
5. WIHCC, Inc., Rep, John Nells
- Friday's Board Meeting. We received the report from Ray Bedonic which he informed this would be the last report. The facility is open slowly getting patients and still most of the patients are going to Winslow Indian Health Care for services in Winslow. Most of the departments are providing services at Dilcon Medical CentePete, CEO will be retiring December 31, 2023. There will be a special meeting Friday, October 20, 2023. The discussion will be to revamp the job description for the CEO responsibilities and description. There will be an In-House for whoever wants to fill the position.
6. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Maye Bigboy/Jonathan Leonard.
7. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosic.
- ARPA update:
    1. ARPA housing application: Accepting applications with a deadline December 1, 2023. Read the application and only get what is needed to fix your home. There is a limited funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 possibility of increase depending on number of applicants. There was a meeting with IDS&A they will be working with Teesto staff, they will do the housing assessment the month of November 28-30. They are proposing that the material be purchased in bulk and for wood burning stove to bid out. The application was given to them for review.
    2. Heavy Equipment: Re-submit the paperwork. This is where we need the council delegate assistance.
  - Demolition Project: There are two bidders, this project is to demo the former Senior Citizen Center which was advertised for 4 weeks. Bidder 1 bid's \$75,572.90 and Bidder 2 bid's \$141,721.15. We need the assistance of our council delegate to request for funding from the Sihasin and other funding sources.
  - Food Distribution will be discontinued. The idea of having food distribution started during the pandemic due to community members not traveling to town to get their groceries. It is too much work and lack of volunteers, including inclement weather. There was concern that some of the food was spoiled and outdated.
  - Office Hours: Staff are encouraged to have their lunch from 12-1, therefore the front office will be closed. The post office is open and package pick is available from 10am-12pm and 1-3pm.
8. Chapter Officials:
- a. President, Elmer Clark.
    - The 2-Generation relocatees requesting assistance or guidance to get homes for their families. Met with IDS&A for the Home Improvement project, the individual that we had the meeting with informed us that we need only one quotation that the 3 quotation is not necessary. The materials can come in bulk if the community members have the same needs which will cut on cost. The manpower/workforce will do the work and can go members residence such as Sanders, Winslow, and other location.
    - Aquila broadband for internet services has been put on hold. The project was given \$33 million for the internet towers and Dilcon chapter was supposed to be working with other chapters on this.
    - Ms. Jackson, who is from here was inducted as a Maricopa Judge, September 22.
    - October 31, 2023, there is TAG mtg. discussion on the Leupp waterline and other topic,
    - Teesto Development Corporation has their Non-Profit status with a 501 C (3). We are ready for Grant writing, our priority is road grading.
  - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
    - The concern expressed is the need for a bus shelter for the students that wait for the bus during inclement weather. The place where they wait gets muddy and unsafe.
  - c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
    - Attended an appreciation dinner for A. Benally.



- Available for check signing and when I am needed.
- d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
- Amos Johnson made contact and informed on vegetation study in the area. The vegetation will tell us if there is enough for the livestock to graze. The possibility of reissuance of grazing permits and preparation of heirship including working on consent.
  - Continue to do homesite lease GPS for waterline and electrical line.
  - Continue to do tally count for this year, some request from livestock owner is tally count for last year.
  - There are conflict in meeting scheduled at times which causes not attending planning and chapter meetings.
9. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board Member, Sophia Francis.
- Attended the October monthly meeting at Greasewood Springs Community School.
  - Attended Greasewood Springs Community School Work session in Gallup.
  - The board members have been attending all work sessions with the eight schools. The information received is their policies and procedures, and budgets. The goals, objectives, and plans for the new school year.
  - There is talk on the reapportionment, the plan. Now, there is no local control. There is no representative from the local chapter to represent their community school. We've been inviting our local school Seba Dalkai for an update or school information, and no one has come to make their report. Maybe, we need to advocate for 100-297 Tribal Control.
  - There has been more travel involved since Plan 6 has been put in place.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 20, 2023, at 10am, Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by John Nells to adjourn the meeting at 3:31pm, seconded by Dorthea Jensen. The vote Majority.

Submitted by:

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Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date