

**TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
FEBRUARY 05, 2024, AT 9:00AM**

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARIES
 1. Call Meeting to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Invocation

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.
 1. January 08, 2024

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

- VI. OLD BUSINESS.

- VII. NEW BUSINESS.
 1. Recommending Approving/Accepting the 2024 January Financial Report.

- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 4, 2024, at 9:00am Teesto Community Center.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT

TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
FEBRUARY 05, 2024, AT 9:00AM

I. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call Meeting to Order at 9:43am, Chapter President Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, Morgan Yazzie, and Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to approve the agenda presented and to include under new business 2.) Requesting OHNIR repair housing assistant. 3.) Support and Requesting OPVP and NHLCO to support and to provide relocation. 4.) Recommending Approving Emergency budget in the amount of \$35,000.00 5.) Virtual Meetings for attendance.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

1. January 08, 2024

Motion made by Sophia Francis to accept the previous meeting minutes, January 8, 2024 seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Feb, 2024 TAG Mtg., Virtual
2. Feb. 19, 2024, President's Day (Natioal Holiday-Chapter Closed)
3. Feb. 20, 2024, 10am Teesto Chapter Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
4. Feb. 14, 2024, Tse'Hootsoi II Regional School Board Mtg., Holbrook.
5. Feb. 06, 2024, Gardening & Farming Workshop, Birdsprings Chapter.
6. Feb. 15, 2024, Ft. Defiance Agency Grazing Mtg., Ft. Defiance Chapter.
7. Feb. 21, 2024, NPL Joint Mtg., Black Mesa.
8. Feb. 09.. 2024, Water Education, Dilcon Community School.
9. Feb. 20-21, 2024 Job fair, Navajo Nation Museum.

V. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
 - Provided information on the \$50million under the NHLCO, all the funds under the ARPA are all allocated therefore there's no funding that is available for relocation housing repairs or any projects. There's funding in the amount of \$15million allocated already. The Navajo Nation President need to provide answers where this funding will come from. Ms. Slim is working diligently on projects where the former director left off.
 - Received the Memo dated January 19 that the contract with IDSA was terminated. Teesto Chapter is a certified chapter and operates on its own Local Governance. The ARPA funding is Federal money so document everything, keep all records stored for 5-10 years for audit purposes.
 - Law & Order: Will evaluate all judges and do a confirmation on Chief Justice, which was not confirmed. There will be a public hearing.
 - The Delegates have other things that needs to be done such as complete the ARPA projects, Title 17-Public Safety Issues/Concerns, Water Rights, and Amend the Law.
2. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.

3. Chapter Officials:
- a. President, Elmer Clark.
 - Provided an update on the ARPA funding.
 - The 2nd Generation for relocatee families.
 - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
 - ARPA clarification on funding and home visits.
 - Family Celebration of Irene Nells.
 - The waterline project from Leupp.
 - More information on the relocation benefit.
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis
 - Rural Addressing-community members requesting letter of residency for verification of employment, hospital, etc. For bigger purchases such as vehicles, houses, and mobile homes you need to go to Window Rock office.
 - Voter Registration training was scheduled for Thursday. Office Specialist Ms. Begay attended.
 - Available when needed at the chapter.
 - d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
 - Provided information on the events and all scheduled meetings attended. The responsibilities of being a grazing officer and duties. The importance of taking care of your livestock and keeping them away from the highway. The disputes, homesite lease, heirship application, and tally counts. It takes a lot of time and travel being a grazing officer.
 - e. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional School Board Member, Sophia Francis.
 - Update on the vacancy for 2 board members. The two newly elected school board members are Raymond Smith, Jr. (Wide Ruins, Klagatoh, Houck, and Nahatazil Representative) and Linda Youvella (Steamboat, Ganado, KDLO, Cornfield Representative).
 - Update of the school board apportionment. The DBOSBA and DGSA's plan which the chapter pass resolution. The public comment period ending February 8, 2024.

Motion made by Morgan Yazzie to accept all oral reports, seconded by Sophia Francis. The vote 3 favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Recommending Approving/Accepting the 2024 January Financial Report.
2. Requesting OHNIR repair housing assistant.
3. Support and Requesting OPVP and NHLCO to support and to provide for relocation.
4. Recommending Approving Emergency budget in the amount of \$35,000.00.
5. Virtual Meetings for attendance.

Motion made by Sophia Francis to approve all action items under new business to be forwarded to regular chapter meeting, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 4, 2024, at 9:00am Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 2:17pm, seconded by Morgan Yazzie.
The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sophia Francis
Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

Feb 6 2024
Date

**TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
FEBRUARY 20, 2024
10:00 AM**

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARIES

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

II. Approval of Agenda

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (1/22/2024)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Relocation Summit at Twin Arrows 1/21 – 22/2024
- Internal ARPA work session at Teesto Chapter 2/23/24
- ARPA meeting with FRF Office 2/27/2024 at 10 am
- District 7 Council meeting 2/27/2024 at 6 pm at Jeddito chapter
- Food distribution 2/28/2024 at 10 AM

V. OLD BUSINESS (None)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approving/Accepting January 2024 Financial Report
2. A resolution in Support of Engaging with the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office (NHLCO) to Complete a Chapter Recovery Plan to Address the Impacts of Forced Relocation.
3. Requesting and Recommending the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Nation Council and Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office to Seek, Identify, and Secure \$50 Million to Address for 2nd Generation Relocates Homelessness.
4. Approving and Accepting the Emergency Supplemental Fund Budget in the Amount of \$35,000.00.
5. Opposing Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-85-23 Amending the Local Governance Act to allow Virtual/Hybrid Chapter Meetings and Recommending In-Person Attendance of all Regular Chapter and Planning Meetings by Registered Voting Members of Teesto Chapter.

VII. REPORTS

1. Council Delegate Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie
2. Alberto Peshlakai, Navajo County Board of Supervisor
3. Johnny Nells, Representative, WIHCC Board of Directors
4. Alfred Pete, PIO, WIHCC
5. Clara Tsosie, Chapter Manager
6. Chapter officials
7. Grazing official

VIII. NEXT MEETING: March 18, 2024(DST) at 10 AM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Teesto Chapter Regular Meeting
Teesto Community Center
February 20, 2024**

1. Preliminaries

- a. Call Meeting to Order at 10:20 a.m.
- b. Roll Call of Chapter officials: Elmer Clark and LeRoy Thomas - present. Sophia Francis, Morgan Yazzie and Cherilyn Yazzie - absent
- c. Invocation given by Elmer Clark.
- d. Select a Recording Pro-temp Secretary - motioned by Aurora Holmes and seconded by Davidson Benson.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion made by Juanita Lee to approve the agenda presented and approve the selection of Lucinda Honani as Recording Pro-temp secretary.
- b. Delete New Business item 2, a Resolution in Support of Engaging with the Navajo-Hopi Commission Office to complete a Chapter Recovery Plan to Address the Impacts of Forced Relocation.
- c. Add Dilcon School announcement & report under announcements.
- d. VP Leroy Thomas' recommendation to consider a resolution to accept an agriculture project involving soil testing for gardening and planting. This item was referred back to the administration to write a letter. Motion was seconded by Aurora Holmes.

Motions carried and approved with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 - opposed, 2 absentions.

3. Accepting/Approving Previous Meeting Minutes (1/22/2024).

John Nells motioned to accept the meeting minutes read by Recording Pro-temp Lucinda Honani and seconded by Juanita Lee. Vote: 14 in favor, 0-opposed, 4-absentions.

4. Announcements:

- Relocation Summit at Twin Arrows 1/21-22/2024
- Internal ARPA work session at Teesto Chapter 2/23/2024
- ARPA meeting with FRF Office 2/27/2024 @ 10:00 a.m.
- District 7 Council meeting 2/27/2024 @ Jeddito Chapter @ 6:00 pm.
- St. Mary's food distribution @ Teesto chapter on 2/28/2024 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Nahat'a Dzil Relocation Summit @ Twin Arrows 1/21-22/2024.
- Peyote Way of Life Coalition Virtual Meeting today @ 6:00 p.m.
- Dilcon school board meeting on March 12th
- March 5th, 2024, Parent /student presentations
- Meeting @ Twin Arrows on February 29, 2024 on Housing Assistance.

5. Old Business - None

6. New Business:

- a. Approving/Accepting January 2024 Financial Report. Recording Pro-temp secretary Lucinda Honani read and reviewed the January 2024 Fund balance ledger as presented: Beg Balance \$448,485.02, Expenses \$40,270.62, Deposits \$1,636.07, Ending Balance \$409,850.47. Juanita Lee motioned to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Laura Williams. Motion carried with 15 in favor, 0 - opposed, 1 - abstention.

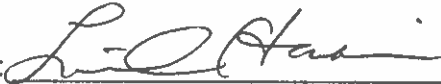
- b. Requesting and Recommending the Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office to seek, identify and secure \$50 Million to address for 2nd Generation Relocates Homelessness. Davidson Benton motioned to accept the resolution, seconded by Frieda Thompson. After much discussion on the subject and the extent of its complexity this item was deferred to the next chapter meeting. Many questions were raised on: data for the number of 2nd Generation, 3rd Generation, etc. Also, is there land identified and a proposal? . John Nells recommended a substitute motion to defer this item to the next meeting with more information from the Twin Arrow Relocation Summit meeting hosted by Nahat'ah Dzil chapter. Motion carried: 18 in favor, 0-opposed, 3 - abstention.
- c. Approving and Accepting the Emergency Supplemental Fund Budget in the Amount of \$35,000.00. John Nells motioned to approve and accept the Emergency Supplemental Funds in the amount of \$35,000.00. \$10,000.00 to purchase wood & pellets, \$12,013.38 for natural gas & propane, Gas \$6,493.31, Diesel \$6,493.31. Second by Aurora Holmes for discussion. Discussion included: Wood haulers w/permit & registered members Only: Cedar & Pine wood. Price for wood haulers recommended: \$150.00 - Short bed, \$175 - Long bed. Another recommendation was to consider the high cost of electricity used for heating. This item was deferred back to the chapter officials and administration with recommendations to encourage chapter members to be proactive and be involved by being visible at chapter meetings with an input AND not Only attend a meeting when in financial need. Aurora Holmes exited the meeting therefore, Sharon Begay seconded the motion. Motioned carried with 15 in favor, 0 - oppose, 3 - abstention.
- d. Opposing Navajo Nation Council Resolution CO-85-23 amending the Local Governance Act to allow Virtual/Hybrid Chapter Meetings and Recommending In-person attendance of all Regular Chapter and Planning Meetings by Registered Voting members of Teesto Chapter. Juanita Lee motions to accept, seconded by Milton Franklin. Pros and Cons were expressed by members including: In-person attendance has more clarity with communication with no technical difficulties which was expressed by most elders. Clara Williams advocated for the resolution stating the young generation needs to be inclusive as they will be the future leaders and to provide media access for their information on chapter issues, etc. Motion carries to approve the resolution to oppose. 15 in favor, 0 - opposed, 3 - abstention.
- e. Requesting, Supporting and Recommending Assistance From the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation ((ONHIR) For Homes Built by ONHIR and In Need of Repair. Clara Williams motioned to approve the resolution to ONHIR and seconded by Milton Franklin. Motion carries with a vote of 14 in Favor, 0 - Oppose, 3 - Abstentions.

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7. Reports

- a. Council Delegate Cheryl Yazzie - non-attendance.
- b. Alberto Peshlakaj, Navajo County Board of Supervisor. Due to other obligations, Supervisor Peshlakaj is not in attendance. One important report is the changes made on primary elections from August 06, 2024 to July 30, 2024.
- c. Johnny Nells, Representative, WIHCC Board of Directors reported on:

- i. HEHS meeting @ DMC with Mr. James was very good with great questions and input.
 - ii. Dental is closed at DMC due to building deficiencies. Currently, the part needed for repairing the deficiency is ordered.
 - iii. Virgil L Davis is the new CEO, replacing Sally Pete. Mr. Davis is from Nazlani, AZ and has much experience.
 - iv. WHICC will be holding their annual meeting @ Dilcon Medical Center, the second week of June. Meeting will include reports from all departments and NN President Buu Nygren has been invited.
 - d. Clara Tsoisie, Teesto Manager report was given by Chapter Elmer Clark.
 - e. Elmer Clark, Teesto Chapter President report:
 - i. Met with MC Baldwin in WR to complete Rural Addressing
 - ii. Right of way needed for signage @ Morgan Yazzie turnoff.
 - iii. Gravel may be available for roads from Navajo County soon. TBA
 - iv. ARPA update: 170 homes repair for weatherization listing package has been submitted to DOJ for approval. Upon approval, the listing will be sent to the President's office for signature.
 - v. Policy and Procedures for housing assistant application meeting on Friday.
 - f. Leroy Thomas, attended the Water Rights Commission public hearing @ Dilcon school. The purpose of the meeting is to educate the public on the complexity of Tribal Rights, including its legislative and hydrological context.
 - g. Cindy Honani, also attended the Water Rights public hearing for information.
8. **Next Meeting:** TBA
9. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 2:30 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

Prepared by:  Date: 02/21/2024