

TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING  
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER  
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024, AT 9:00AM (DST)

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARIES.

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- May 14, 2024. At 9am (DST) Tse'Hootsoi II Navajo Regional School Board. Mtg., WRHI.
- May 21, 2024, at 10am (DST) Teesto Chapter Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
- May 12, 2024, Mother's Day
- May 27, 2024, Memorial Day (Federal Holiday-Administration Closed)

V. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project (SNTEPP), Hershel Clark.
3. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
4. 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 Navajo Regional School Board, Sophia Francis.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Recommending Approve/Accepting the 2024 April Financial Report.
2. Approving Resolution for Navajo Nation Sales Tax in the amount of \$58,165.00.
3. Approving Resolution for Unhealthy Food Tax in the amount of \$15,399.00.
4. Recommending Poll workers for the upcoming Navajo Nation Election.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4, 2024, at 9am (DST), Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT,

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TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER  
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024, AT 9:00AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES.

1. Call Meeting to Order at 9:21am by Elmer Clark, President.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Delegate, Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation by Elmer Clark.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Sophia Francis to approve the agenda presented and to add under New Business #5 Burial Site Enumeration, #6 Requesting to establishing Education Committee, and seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion made by Sophia Francis to accepting/approving the meeting minutes, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 2 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

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- May 9, 2024, at 9am Community Stakeholders Mtg, Teesto Community Center.
- May 8, 2024, at 10am Teesto Development Corporation Mtg, Teesto Community Center.
- May 9, 2024, at 10am TAG Mtg, Zoom/Virtual
- May 15, 2024, at 9am Ft. Defiance Grazing Mtg, Window Rock
- May 22, 2024, at 9am NPL Joint Mtg., Pinon

V. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project (SNTEPP), Hershel Clark. Mr. Pete Nez provided an overview of the organization. The message on the usage and tobacco products that are being sold on the Navajo Nation the idea of increasing sales tax.
3. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
  - ARPA-Served 60 families with housing materials and less than 10 have not picked up their check. We are having problems with two (2) vendors, Lowes in Show Low and Home Depot in Gallup with the check that is given to them therefore not recommending working with them. There were visits made to all the vendors and met with Managers. The quotes that were received with the amount is the amount for the check, if the amount is over or less it's the responsibility of the member to either return the money or pay the amount this is for audit purposes. Teesto is waiting on the second disbursement which all the documents were submitted, we are told by the FRF office that there are missing documents, but everything is submitted. Ms. Pauline Thomas will be visiting our chapter to take pictures of the completed project before and after. The advertisement for the contractor RFP was submitted to the newspaper. The bid deadline is May 24, 2024, at noon.

- DEMOLITION PROJECT-Met with Travis from Arizona Division of Quality. They will be doing testing on the old building, they will be testing for mold, asbestos, and lead if anyone of these is found they will work on demolishing the building. The request is they will need heavy equipment to dispose of the materials.
  - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION-The roads in the community need improvement/maintenance, restore and widening. Some of the roads have erosion which needs to be maintained. The agreement that is in place with BIA is for flat blading.
  - NAVAJO/HOPI COVID COALITION-Portal set-up. The organization has funding for home improvement, if you are interested, we can help set up a portal. They would need photos before and after of your house. They require documents that need to be submitted.
4. Chapter Official
- a. President, Elmer Clark.
- ARPA-monthly reports need to be submitted along with a narrative report which entails the housing project. There must be accountability and management.
  - The heavy equipment is paid off and should be delivered in July.
  - We are having weekly meetings regarding our ARPA projects.
  - We need to provide information on the homes to the contractor.
  - NHLC-There's funding in the amount of \$14 million for the Bennett Freeze and \$2million for NPL and there's a client listing.
  - Schedule an NHLC meeting in Teesto.
  - CHID has no more funding. Funds are taken back by the NN-President Nygren and will be redistributed to Page Housing Manufacturing.
  - Tribal ranchers need a place for their livestock, they are asking for land to graze their cattle.
  - Leupp Water-contacted Speaker Curley. We need our council delegate.
  - Apex Applied Technology will be providing an update.
- b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
- ARPA-our community members are cooperating and working together.
  - Is there going to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARPA, is it ideal?
  - There is back order in materials.
  - Met with NN-President Nygren, the Black Mesa Community members,
  - The idea of putting up a recognition at the museum.
  - We need to work with Council delegate, she's been absent.
- c. Secretary/, Sophia Francis. Available when needed.
- d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
- Attending all monthly meetings.
  - Homesite lease for NTUA electric/waterline they need a consent.
  - Critical Path meeting in Gallup, the discussion on tribal ranch for NPL.
- e. Tse'Hootsoi II Navajo Regional School Board, Sophia Francis. No report.
5. Greg Sheppard
- Water Purification
  - Southwest Dinetah Dine College

Motion made by Morgan Yazzie to approve all oral reports, seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

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2. Approving Resolution for Navajo Nation Sales Tax in the amount of \$58,165.00.
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5. Requesting an establishing Education Committee.

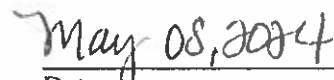
Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to approve the New Business items 1 through 5 at regular chapter meeting, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: June 4, 2024, at 9am (DST), Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 1:46pm, seconded by Sophia Francis. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

Submitted by:

  
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Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Date

**TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING  
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, AT 10:00AM (DST)**

**AGENDA**

- I. PRELIMINARIES.
  1. Meeting Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Invocation
- II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
- III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES. April 16, 2024.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
  1. May 27, 2024, Memorial Day-Chapter Administration Closed
  2. May 31, 2024, Navajo Nation Memorial Day-Chapter Administration Closed.
  3. June 4, 2024, at 9am DST, Teesto Planning Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
  4. June 11, 2024, at 9am DST. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board Mtg., Tsiyaakin Residential Hall.
  5. June 18, 2024, at 10am DST, Teesto Chapter Mtg, Teesto Community Center.
- V. OLD BUSINESS.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS.
  1. Accepting/Approving the April 2024 Financial Report.
  2. Accepting and Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024 Sales Tax Fund in the amount of \$58,165.00.
  3. Accepting and Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 to Fiscal Year 2024 Unhealthy Food Tax Fund in the amount of \$15,399.00.
  4. Recommending Poll workers for the upcoming Navajo Nation Election.
  5. Requesting an establishing Education Committee.
- VII. REPORTS,
  1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
  2. Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai.
  3. Presentation: Greg Shepard.
  4. WIHCC, Inc., PIO, Alfred Pete.
  5. WIHCC, Inc. Rep. Johnny Nells.
  6. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Principal Ms. Bigboy.
  7. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
  8. Chapter Officials:
    1. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
    2. President, Elmer Clark,
    3. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
    4. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
  9. Senior Citizen Center, Supervisor, Rudie John
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TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING  
TEESTO COMMUNITY  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, AT 10:00AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES.

1. Meeting Call to Order at 10:22am by President, Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by Herbert George

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion made by Gloria Begay to approve the agenda presented with deletion under New Business #5, seconded by Mona Seamon. The vote was 18 in favor 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES. April 16, 2024.

Motion made by Rose Jensen to approve the meeting minutes April 16, 2024, seconded by Herbert George. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. May 27, 2024, Memorial Day-Chapter Administration Closed
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3. June 4, 2024, at 9am DST, Teesto Planning Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
4. June 11, 2024, at 9am DST. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board Mtg., Tsiyaakin Residential Hall.
5. June 18, 2024, at 10am DST, Teesto Chapter Mtg, Teesto Community Center
6. May 30, 2024, at 1pm Teesto Development Corporation Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
7. June 5, 2024, at 9am Community Stakeholder Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
8. June 12, 2024, at 5pm Family Fun Evening, Teesto Community Center.
9. June 13, 2024, at 10am TAG Mtg., Virtual Mtg.
10. June 7, 2024, at 9am WIHCC, Inc. BOD Mtg., Dilcon Medical Center.
11. June 10-11, 2024, WIHCC, Inc. Annual Mtg., Dilcon Medical Center.
12. June 6, 2024, at 9am District 7 Grazing Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
13. June 14, 2024, at 9am Ft. Defiance Agency Grazing Mtg., Tse Bonito
14. June 19, 2024, at 9am NPL Mtg., Low Mountain.
15. June 20-21, 2024, Grazing Work session, Twin Arrows.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Accepting/Approving the April Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the April Financial Report. (Beg. Bal \$1,254,844.65; Expenses: \$751,418.88; Deposits: \$2,300.32; Ending Bal. \$505,736.09). Questions: Veterans Funds: \$5,000.00, Emergency Funds: \$691.00, Sales Tax Funds: \$8,571.40, Senior Citizen Center: \$276.48, Unhealthy Food Tax Fund: \$383.28, and ARPA. Clarification was provided for these accounts. The chapter uses funds according to the way it's budgeted and follow the Budget Instruction Manual.  
**Motion made by John Nells to approve the 2024 April Financial Report, seconded by Peter Nez Jr. The vote was 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstentions.**

2. Approving Resolution for Navajo Nation Sales Tax in the amount of \$58,165.00.

23-6202	Travel Expense	\$4,000.00
23-6611	Insurance-Property	\$3,500.00
23-6504	Repair & Maintenance-Building	\$5,665.00
23-6999	Other Miscellaneous Expenses-Building Demolition Project	\$40,000.00
23-6600	Consultant Expense	\$5,000.00

The Sales Tax Funds is budgeted for Administration staff & chapter official to travel on business, Insurance for buildings, heavy equipment's, and vehicles so they are covered beginning of the Fiscal Year, Repairs & Maintenance for the building on the chapter compound, Miscellaneous Expenses for matching funds on the Demolition project and Consultant is for hiring of individuals to provide their services such as land withdrawals

for community cemetery. **Motion made by John Nells to approve Resolution TEE-MAY-23-2024, seconded by Herbert George. The vote was 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstentions.**

3. Approving Resolution for Unhealthy Food Tax in the amount of \$15,399.00.

40-6600	Consultant Expense	\$5,133.00
40-6352	Purchase-Food (Chapter)	\$5,133.00
40-6813	Infrastructure-Land Improvement	\$5,133.00

The Unhealthy Food Tax comes from the junk food tax. This fund is used for food demonstrations, educational on healthy food and farming, and beautification. **Motion made by Peter Nez, Jr to approve TEE-MAY-24-2024, seconded by Ann Jackson. The vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.**

4. Recommending Poll workers for the upcoming Navajo Nation Election. The recommendation is to have the administration contact the individuals if they are interested in working for the upcoming election. The one individual volunteered would like to work as a Poll Clerk. They are concerns shared that the voting machine needs to be updated since at the last election there were problems. The ballots were counted by hand and took longer. **Motion made by rose Jensen, seconded by John Nells. The vote was 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.**

~~5. Requesting an establishing Education Committee.~~

6. Presentation; Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project (SNTEPP), Hershel Clark & Sierra Wilcox. The overview of Air Is Life and the legislation that was passed by the 21<sup>st</sup> Council. The information given on E-Cigarettes and Vaping is harmful. The importance of knowing the facts. Increasing Taxes on Commercial Tobacco is important, The benefit of increasing taxes on commercial tobacco products, We need to protect our Dine Youth since there is an increase over the years. The vaping ingredients Diacetyl, Acrolein, Formaldehyde, and Nicotine which are highly addictive and pose severe health risks for our youth. According to the Navajo Youth Risk Behavior Survey its at 40% used e-cigarette products in their lifetime. We need to educate our youth. The legislation on increasing the tax on commercial tobacco that is sponsored by Honorable Council Delegate C. Slater will be introduced at the Summer Session. Our SNTEPP will continue to educate at chapter meetings, events, and schools we need the support with resolutions and such. **Motion made by Rose Jensen, seconded by Lucinda Honani. The vote was 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.**

## VII. REPORTS,

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai.
3. Presentation: Greg Shepard.
  - The proposal of installing a water purification at Teesto Chapter. The importance of drinking purified water is the benefit it has versus the well water. The individuals that are needed to maintain the equipment. The purified water will be used for drinking not livestock.
4. WIHCC, Inc., PIO, Alred Pete.
5. WIHCC, Inc. Rep. Johnny Nells.
  - The representation from chapters Jeddito, Whitecone, Indian Wells, Dilcon, Teesto, Birdsprings, and Leupp.
  - Attended the NDOT meeting at Dilcon Community School. We need our roads improved/resurfaced since our ambulances run on these roads and should be a priority.
  - Several months ago, part of the medical center shut down. The information received is that the cylinders on the roof top the mechanical part was the problem. The warranty has expired on the parts and costly. It's a certain type of commercial parts that needed to be purchased and installed.
  - The Leupp waterline project is still an ongoing project to which two individuals were assigned.
6. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Principal Ms. Bigboy.
7. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
  - ARPA: Very important Project. The chapter received \$1.7 million for home repair and weatherization. It took a lot of planning and meetings. There is a deadline December 30, 2026 to use all the funding and complete the project. Chapter officials and staff are assigned to areas to do their housing assessments. The chapter received its first drawdown in the amount of \$880,234.00 which the two heavy equipment were purchased and sixty of the community members received their checks for their housing materials. The chapter manager delivered letters to vendors that members will be bringing their check for their housing material and turns out that there were problems.

- Contractor BID for advertisement had to be approved/reviewed by DOJ. The process took a long time with each department. Navajo Nation's process is so SLOW. There was a meeting with seven contractors during the BID opening. What was shared is for bordertown housing repairs it requires a permit which needs to be obtained. Several things were shared such as bonding, security, testing for bathroom installation and procurement process. The chapter would have to go through the same process for advertisement and instead of contractor it would be ON-CALL BID with a deadline July 26, 2024.
  - There needs to be a Scope of Work for each of the housing repair.
  - There are 62 community members needing service on their homes.
  - There will be an unexpected visit from the FRF office to do a home visit if the project is complete.
  - Chapter Administration will be closed May 24 due to exterminator being on the compound to spray the buildings including Senior Citizen Center. The staff will be leaving early at 2:00pm.
  - The Navajo Hopi COVID Relief accepting application for home improvement/housing material. They are requesting a complete application and documents. The chapter staff can help with uploading your application, documents, and sending them for submission.
  - Teesto Website is updated and their resources.
8. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
- Expressed appreciation for the help with housing material. The effort that was put into place and planning it took. We need to show our respect and appreciation.
  - The travels that Grazing Official do come out of our own pocket. The responsibilities that come with being a Grazing Official.
  - We need to understand and listen to one another. Let the person finish speaking and don't interrupt.
  - The meeting that took place in Gallup during the Critical Path marked a change in the Department of Agriculture. The reissuance of livestock permits on the NPL and heirship what's the status was asked by Director with Natural Resources, the response was BIA not Navajo Nation. Therefore, individuals were let go. RDC has not attended any of these meetings.
  - Attended all the monthly meetings and work sessions.
  - Let's spend everything and get your family to help with labor. The need of certified workers is not needed, let's hire our own local carpenters.
  - There was eclipse and recently the Northern Lights came upon us, how many prayed and were blessings done? We need to practice our belief and prayers, lets continue to teach to our children and relatives.
1. President, Elmer Clark,
- The idea given on the water purification system and water dispenser.
  - Teesto Development Corporation is a Non-Profit Organization and need a Grant Writer to seek funding. We are requesting funding and support letters were sent out to City of Winslow Mayor requesting for \$10,000.00 and Walmart for \$20,000.00 with these funds we could plan for farming supplies such as irrigation system and other futures ideas/plans.
  - Announced for the upcoming Navajo Election, re-elect for Chapter President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Grazing Official,
  - The roads need to be graded and maintained.
  - Home visit to D. Nells, the house is beyond repair.
  - June 12, 2024, scheduled for Family Fun Night. We need to bring our community together for a fun evening, cook-out, play games, and outreach.
  - The GYM is open Thursday and Friday from 9am – 4:30pm.
  - July 17, 2024, scheduled for Community Education Development Day. The plans for a community cemetery and future housing.
  - There is a recall initiative taking place with the Council Delegate C. Yazzie. She has not attended our chapter meetings monthly and in need of her help which is lacking. We need her help with sponsoring legislation. Where is she??
  - The water treatment plant that is in discussion, we need our council delegate to help with legislation along with RDC.
  - Navajo Hopi Land Commission, Otto Tso is still planning on conducting their meeting here at our chapter.
  - ARPA waiting on the second draw down.
  - Senior Citizen Center: The Senior Council cancelled their meeting, May 6.

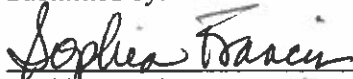


- Winslow Track was purchased for Ranchers within the HPL and later were told to move their cattle, they are seeking help as to where to take their cattle's. They need land for their cattle.
2. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
    - Our chapter burned and the process it took to get a new chapter. The planning it took for replacement which is a blessing.
    - We need to show our respect and work together.
    - ARPA is working and helping one another. The community that was helped with housing material/supplies.
    - Being on the Dilcon Steering Committee planning the health care facility in Dilcon which took years without stipends and getting sued from a neighboring community. The facility is now built and open.
    - Attended a Graduation down the valley, there were over 500 students and some of our students graduated in the top 10/5 which was an honor.
  3. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
    - Available when needed.
    - We need to show our appreciation to the Teesto Administration staff for their hard work especially with this ARPA project. Don't bring your frustration and bad attitude to the chapter, they have helped you. They tell me things that was said and happened.
    - Candidate for the same position, Teesto Secretary/Treasurer. I like what I do to be of service to my community.
  4. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board, Sophia Francis.
    - Contract/Non-renewal were done for each of the eight schools.
    - WRHI to hire the Homeliving Supervisor position. There are several positions that are open to be filled.
    - Wide Ruins Community School to hire a school Principal.
    - Candidate for Dilcon Community School board member.
    - The beginning of January 2025 each school will have their own school board members. WRHI will have its own 4 board members.
9. Senior Citizen Center, Supervisor, Rudie John

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE; June 18, 2024, 10am, Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by John Nells to approve all verbal/oral reports and to adjourn the meeting at 4:05pm, seconded by Lucinda Honani. The vote was MAJORITY.

Submitted by:



Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer



Date