

TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, AT 10:00AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES

- A. Call Meeting to Order at 11:10am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
- B. Roll Call: (4) Present chapter official and (1) Absent: Council Delegate, Cheryl Yazzie.
- C. Invocation given by John Nells.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion: Lucinda Honani approve the agenda and to make changes; add Reports: Mr. Washunas, Dilcon Community School, and move WIHCC, Inc. PIO Alfred Pete & Rep John Nells to after announcements. Defer Item 7. There's no resolution.

Second: Juanita Lee

Vote: The vote 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion: Johnny Nells accepts/approves the previous meeting minutes.

Second: Alfred Pete

Vote: The vote 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- August 26, 2024, at 9am Stakeholder Committee Meeting, Teesto Community Center.
- August 21, 2024, at 9am NPL Mtg., Forest Lake Chapter.
- September 5, 2024, at 9am District 7 Mtg, Jeddito Chapter.
- September 6, 2024, at 9am NPL Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
- The Church Group horse rider will be at Nazarene Church, Wednesday evening where they will rest, and hot meal will be served. Open to everyone to attend prayer service.
- August 23, 2024, Sage Memorial Hospital Grand-Opening, Ganado.
- September 5, 2024, Navajo Nation Elderfest, Window Rock.
- September 20, 2024, Senior Council Agency Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
- School Board Candidates: Mona Seamon, Winslow Residential Hall, Inc.
Lucinda Honani, Seba Dalkai Boarding School

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accepting/Approving the 2024 July Financial Report. The Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the 2024 July Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$519,291.32; Expenses: \$58,805.47; Deposits: \$3,878.57; Ending Bal. \$464,364.42).
Motion: Lucinda Honani accepted/approved the 2024 July Financial Report.
Second: Laura Williams
Vote: The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
2. Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Summer Youth Employment fund budget in the amount of \$25,603.83. Resolution No. TEE-AUG-33-2024.
08-SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:
Summer Youth Supervisor (1) \$4851.84
High School Students (8) \$18,021.12
College Student (1) \$2,690.18
The amount \$25,603.83 includes: Salaried, FICA, Medicare, and Workman's Comp. **(See Attachment)**
Motion: Juanita Lee approved the Resolution No. TEE-AUG-33-2024.
Second: Laura Williams
Vote: The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
3. Resolution of Teesto Chapter adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). The Chapter Project Summary: Project Titles, Category, FY 2025-FY2026, and Total Project Cost. The total cost for these projects is in the amount of \$5,065,000.00. **(See Attachment)**

Motion: Freida Thompson approved the ICIP Plan for Teesto Projects and to include Lokai Springs for waterline projects.

Second: Juanita Lee

Vote: The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

4. Requesting Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Department of Transportation to conduct an evaluation and roads assessment of NR-9065 as a priority and provide a mitigation plan regarding the narrowness of the NR-9065.

Motion: Juanita Lee approved the request to BIA and NDOT to conduct an evaluation of road assessment of NR-9065 and NR-9062 as priority and to provide mitigation plans regarding the narrowness of the roads.

Second: Mona Seamon

Vote: The vote was 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

5. Requesting the Navajo Department of Water Resources to repair a well and casing adjacent to storage tank 7T-538 within Teesto Chapter tract.

Motion: Johnny Nells approved Resolution No. TEE-AUG-30-2024. The request to Navajo Department of Water Resources to repair a well and casing adjacent to storage tank 7T-538 within Teesto Chapter Tract.

Second: Lucinda Honani

Vote: The vote was 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

6. Requesting funding from Navajo Nation Unreserved, Unfunded Fund Balance and/or Sihasin Funds for repairs, renovation, and replacement of appliances for the Teesto Senior Citizen Center in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Motion: Marilyn Ruiz approved the request funding from UUFB and/or Sihasin Funds for repairs, replacement of appliances for Teesto Senior Citizen Center with Resolution No. TEE-AUG-29-2024.

Second: Mona Seamon

Vote: The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

- ~~7. Requesting waterline feasibility for windmill between Elephant and Bobcat Butte.~~

8. Recommending and Approving Intergovernmental Agreement between Teesto Chapter and Division of Aging and Long-Term Care Support for the use of the Teesto Senior Citizen Center between October 01, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

Motion: Lucinda Honani approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between Teesto Chapter and DALTCS for the use of the Teesto Senior Citizen Center between October 01, 2024 to September 30, 2025 with Resolution No. TEE-AUG-34-2025.

Second: Marilyn Ruiz

Vote: The vote was 19 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

VII. REPORTS.

1. Source Global, Thomas Borns.

- The Water Resource Development received funding from CARES ACT and ARPA, they contracted with Source Global to install Hydropanel a machine that captures moistures in the air and converts it into drinking water. Completely off-grid, the panel then pumps the water to a dispenser in the home, where you can access it at your convenience. It includes 2 panels, faucet, and installation. They request of your location of your home through GPS and they will come out.

2. Winslow Residential Hall, Inc., Staff.

- They provided information on the residential setting for our young students, they accept students for 7th through 12th grade. They provide counseling, activities/events, trips for honor/seniors, teach life skills, and safe health environments. Mostly they strongly encourage academics, and they provide tutors. They have 97 students enrolled at this time. They will run their Annual bus run for transportation funds.

3. Tiisyaakin Residential Hall, Inc., Staff.

4. Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Alberto Peshlakai.

5. WIHCC, Inc., School Health Coordinator, Louann Benslow.

- Provided information on the Youth Wellness Program. Shared the mission, vision, and values of Harmonious relationships, trustworthiness, justice, respect, dignity, service, and humility. School Health initiatives: support schools within WIHCC service unit by creating trust and communication. Assist with planning and implementing activities working together with local resource. Improve overall health and well-being of school aged children. Provide health and wellness education, information, and

- updates. Conduct school assessment. Services provided: Training, Curriculum, and Outreach. Prevention effort using the WSCC model.
6. WIHCC, Inc., Alfred Pete, Tyree Honani, and John Nells.
 - The staff and representative provided the overview of the Community Health Assessment for Teesto Community. They shared data they received from the questionnaire. The most important topics and concerns.
 7. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Ms. Bigboy/Jonathan Leonard.
 - 3 position open for School Board Members.
 - Student Enrollment is at 73.
 - 12 students are in residential.
 - 2 Teacher retired and open to fill the vacancy.
 - The Special Education teacher comes in from Pine Springs, which we need to fill the vacancy.
 - The new hired cook is preparing the food from scratch which the student are liking.
 - All staff were rehired.
 8. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
 - ARPA-Trying to schedule a meeting with the staff in Window Rock since July, we are finally scheduled to meet with them Wednesday, August 21. We are currently doing home visits for those that received their housing materials, combing reports on the status, and if the receipts attached. Some of the receipts are not attached. Attached with the reports is the before and after photos. All documents are to be placed in the folder. Update: 19 completed projects, 2 no receipts, and to do home visits.
 - Demolition Project-No final report at this time and will be until October.
 - Scholarship-Open to recipients to apply for Fall session with a deadline August 31. Attached all necessary documents.
 - Strategic Planning Session-Marlene Haskie with CPMD provided information on the funds of \$1 million, need to know the allowable and disallowable cost. The preparation of a resolution on how the funds will be budgeted, scope of work to be in place, and etc.
 9. Chapter Officials:
 - a. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
 - Shared that the election office has disqualified him for the Grazing Office position for the upcoming election.
 - Mentioned there is a lot of disputes among neighbors and families. Some of the Grazing Officials has been threaten with firearms.
 - Burials sites in the area. We have gone out to several area to gather coordinates for the land department.
 - Try to attend all monthly meetings. Districts and NPL are held at chapters. Fort Defiance Agency are held in Window Rock.
 - We are currently working on the heirship. This should have been completed back in December the Department of Agriculture are behind due to not attending our grazing meetings.
 - b. President, Elmer Clark.
 - Mr. Waseta, Director from CPMD informed that Teesto Chapter received \$1 million from the state of AZ. The funds were to be used for the new facility, there needs to schedule a meeting in September to discuss on how the funds should be used. The discussion is to use for improvement of the sound system and demolition of the former Senior Citizen building.
 - Water purification to be installed within the Chapter house compound on September 06. The proposed plan is for the community members to get water for drinking and pilot for 1 year.
 - The idea of a C-Store at the junction and working with the Tucson group.
 - c. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
 - Attended the Budget Public Hearing in Ganado. The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) and the unmet needs for Teesto was shared with Vice-President Montoya. They request that its all written.
 - Shared with VP Montoya on "Poor Communication" within Navajo Nation Departments. Also, the Leupp Waterline and the proposed plan of a water treatment plant.
 - Putting the Feasibility study of a windmill back on the planning meeting agenda.
 - Livestock in the area, there's just too many horses and cattle. These livestock are possibly trespassing. The brands are unfamiliar.

d. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.

- Attended the Strategic Planning session for two days. Marlene Haskie, CPMD Project Manger provided information on the funds available for Teesto. Earl Tully, NHA Project Manager provided information on the process of planning for new housing and how the funds could be used for road improvements, day care, or nursing home.
- The idea of placing an Ordinance with the NHA housing.
- To request NHA for road improvements within the housing.

10. Tse'Hootsoi II Navajo Regional School Board, Sophia Francis.

- Attended the monthly meeting in Ch'ooshgai Community School.
- Our Principal from Ch'ooshgai is resigning the end of this month, we need to fill the position.
- All board members with 100-297 Tribally Controlled School are required to have their background check.
- This coming school year the seven-sister school are coming up for reauthorization, which we need to start preparing with Audits and other information that needs to be enclosed.
- We have job vacancies which we need to fill and start using the funds. Some of the schools have a lot of funds. Let's hire people.

11. Teesto Senior Citizen Center, Rudie John.

- Updated on the deficiencies which is on-going report from OEH and to the chapter.

12. Dilcon Community School, Principal Mr. Washunas.

- Provided information on school activities/events, July was a busy month, Teacher/students back in session. Student enrollment is at 197 which three of the class is over the capacity. Highlighted on the Project/Plans: Action/Issues & Projects/Departments Reports who's responsible: Principal, Administrative Staff and Academics. All Departments. Weekly schedule, Manager's & Academic Meetings, Welcome of New staff with residential department, Staff Recognition: Virginia Chischillie, Back to School Pow-Wow, First Parent Meeting scheduled for September 3, 2024, at 4pm, Spirit Week, School month calendar, and Open House August 19, 2024.

Motion: Johnny Nells accepted all oral reports.


Second: Lucinda Honani.

Vote: The vote was majority.

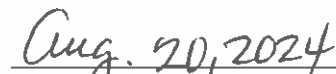
VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: September 17, 2024, at 10am, Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by Johnny Nells to adjourn the meeting at 3:09pm, seconded by Mona Seamon. The vote was MAJORITY.

Submitted by:



Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer



Date