

TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, AT 9:00 AM (DST)

1. PRELIMINARIES.

- A. Call Meeting to Order at 9:17am by President Elmer Clark.
- B. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie all Present.
Absent: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
- C. Invocation given by Freida Thompson

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Motion: Morgan Yazzie approves the agenda presented and to include under: Reports: Little Colorado River Agricultural Cooperative, Jessica Stago. Under New Business: B. Discussion on feral horses in Seba Dalkai. C. Request BIA to conduct mowing, repaint centerline and highway marking on N-60 and N-602. D. Requesting \$25,000.00 to NTEC for wood hauling and/or handicap rail.

Second: Sophia Francis.

Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

3. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion: Sophia Francis accepted/approved the previous meeting minutes.

Second: LeRoy Thomas.

Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- September 3, 2024, Meeting with Greg Shepherd.
- September 17, 2024, at 10 am Teesto Chapter Meeting, Teesto Community Center.
- September 10, 2024, at 9 am Tse'Hootsoi II Navajo Regional School Board Mtg., Holbrook.
- September 5, 2024, District 7 Grazing Mtg, Jeddito Chapter.
- September 9/12/13, 2024, Precinct 1,2, and 3 Meetings at BIA, Pinon.
- September 11, 2024, at 9 am, NPL Joint Mtg, Teesto Community Center.
- September 10, 2024, at 2 pm, Community Networking, NDOT Dilcon.
- September 9 -18, 2024, Teesto Job Advertisement
- September 26, 2024, at 1 pm, Department of Youth, Teesto Community Center.

5. REPORTS.

A. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.

B. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.

- Update on ARPA. August 21, 2024. Met with Lisa Jim and Edwin Begay, the explanation was given on the purchase of heavy equipment and followed the procurement policy. At this time everyone is at a standstill since there was a new legislation. All reports and close-outs have been submitted.
- Job Advertisement for Teesto: Office Specialist, Postal Clerk, and Maintenance Technician will be advertised September 9 through 18, 2024.
- There are currently 11 scholarships applications and will be reviewing. Will be checking if they are active with voting.
- All staff are here and one will be on leave for medical.

- ARPA financial assistance: Will be doing home visits this month. The need of getting community members to finish up their home renovation project completed before the cold weather.
 - Encouraging the community members to start preparing for the cold weather. Start hauling firewood for grandparents and parents. The chapter only provided enough but only if there are funds available. It's your responsibility.
- C. Chapter Officials:
1. President: Elmer Clark.
 - Provided an overview of the ARPA meeting, August 21, 2024.
 - Reiterate on the funding that was given to Teesto Community Center for the new facility on the shortfall, how can the funding be used.
 - 60 applicants given their checks for home improvement and 19 has completed their home improvement. Those that purchased their material stated they had the help and now they don't have the help. There are guidelines if there are wiring and plumbing to be done, they need a certified person. The chapter will provide backhoe service if requested and have 2 individuals that will receive service. There are 169 applicants who applied for ARPA housing improvement.
 - Budget: Consider establishing a position as Project Manager. This position will somehow accommodate those needing help.
 - Storage tank. The request to Water Resource Department to repair the casing and the proposition of using that water for gardening.
 2. Vice-President: LeRoy Thomas.
 - The next four years in office. The same individuals running for candidacy in the same position.
 - The negativity that was shared on social media on Teesto Chapter went viral. It had a bad reflection on the administration and chapter official.
 - The future for our grandchildren. Self-sufficient for Teesto planning for a C-store, the improvement that is needed.
 - Water Treatment Plant that is needed for better water for our communities. Shared with Vice-President Montoya to make it a priority.
 3. Secretary/Treasurer: Sophia Francis.
 - Sat in on the ARPA meeting regarding the individuals that were given checks for home improvement, the updates. We need to make contact with those that haven't finished their projects, and they all signed the agreement that they would follow the process.
 - Involved more with the school at this time. There is one school that we are meeting on with BIE, Tribal Control staff, DoDE, DOJ, and Ethic & Rules. Another meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 2pm in Window Rock.
 - There are some vacancies for school board members. (Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Winslow Residential Hall, Inc., and Dilcon Community School).
 4. Grazing Official: Morgan Yazzie.
 - Try to attend all meetings every month. At times there are conflicts.
 - On Wednesday's available to sign affidavit.
 - District 7 Grazing Meeting, September 5, 2024, at 10am.
 - NPL Joint Meeting, September 11, 2024, at 9am.
 - They are requesting that we submit all our reports throughout the year by month for close out Fiscal Year 2024 and submit all claim forms.
 - Continue to do tally counts and GPS for homestead lease for electrical and water LINES.

- Working on Precinct 1,2, and 3 for livestock permits.
 - They are repairing the Executive Order fencing.
 - There is a process for livestock trespassing, fill out a complaint form and follow with paper trail.
 - Going before the Hearing and Appeal for the Grazing candidate.
- D. Little Colorado Agricultural Cooperative, Jessica Stago.
- Provided an overview of their farming projects in various areas. There are over 40 farmers currently farming their produces mostly members of cooperative. These farmers share their equipment and dirt/compost comes from Flagstaff. There is a Grant Writer with CO-OP. There is a need for refrigeration for some of these produce for storing due to the length of time for transport. The ideal propose is to request Teesto Chapter if they could lease their building, in the meantime waiting for the funding. The proposal will be introduced at a later time when the funding is received.
6. OLD BUSINESS.
- A. Resolution requesting waterline extension and feasibility study for windmill 7T-541 between elephant butte 2 miles South.
7. NEW BUSINESS.
- A. Recommending Accepting/Approving the 2024 August Financial Report.
- B. Request BIA to conduct mowing, repaint centerline and highway marking on N-60 and N-602.
- C. Requesting \$25,000.00 to NTEC for wood hauling and/or handicap rail.
- Motion: Sophia Francis approved the Old and New Business items to be forwarded to the regular chapter meeting.
- Second: LeRoy Thomas
- Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.
8. NEXT MEETING DATE: October 1, 2024, at 9:00 am, Teesto Community Center.
9. ADJOURNMENT.
- Motion: LeRoy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 am.
- Second: Sophia Francis.
- Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Submitted by:



Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer



Date

