

TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 18,2025, AT 10:00AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINAIRES.

- a. Meeting Call to Order at 10:43am (DST) by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
- b. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, Sophia Francis, and Martin Scott. Absent: Delegate Cherilyn Yazzie.
- c. Introduction of Grazing Officer Martin Scott.
- d. Invocation given by Johnny Nells.

II. ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Motion by Peter Nez, Jr to adopt the agenda presented with changes to move Reports after Announcements, to add Under Reports: Lucinda Honani, Seba Dalkai Boarding School Board Member, and Alberta Seamon, Winslow Residential Hall, Inc. School Board Member. Add under New Business 6. A Resolution of the Teesto Chapter of the Navajo Nation requesting the removal of the Chapter Manager due to extreme Procurement and Five Management System (FMS) mismanagement, negligence in Financial reporting, failure to engage the community, lack of Fiscal Responsibility, safety concerns, mismanagement of Summer Youth and PEP Labor Employees, Disregard for Program Policies and Laws that govern Chapter Operations, and Failure to Act on ARPA. Fund recommendations, seconded by Laura Clelland. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions. A request made by Laura Clelland to use Junk Food Tax for Foot Care for the elderlies, a proposal is available. The recommendation is to be presented at the Planning Meeting, April 1, 2025.

III. ACCEPTING THE LAST PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion by Myron Paddock to accept the last previous meeting minutes, seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 16 in favor, 1 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- March 26, 2025, at 1:00pm (MST) Dilcon Community School Board Mtg.
- April 1, 2025. At 9:00am (DST) Teesto Planning Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
- Teesto Veterans Organization elected new officers: Commander LeRoy Thomas, Vice-Commander Gilbert Gishie, and Secretary Angelita Chee.
- Nazarene Church Sunday School starts at 9:30am (MST) and the main service starts at 11am (MST). Everyone is Welcome to attend and worship with the church members.
- DBOSBA Spring Conference April 3-4, 2025, at Navajo Casino Fire Rock, Church Rock NM.
- April 9, 2025, at 9am (DST) Seba Dalkai School Board Mtg, Seba Dalkai Boarding School.

V. REPORT/PRESENTERS:

1. WIHCC, Inc./DMC: Virgil Davis, CEO.

- Currently doing Strategic Planning.
- Provided updates on the current event with Trump Administration. The funding that is received from the Federal Government is what the impact would be. This funding will affect all 638 hospitals, BIE/BIA, and other programs. President Trump has sign Executive Orders since he took office and still signing Executive Orders. The impact on P.L. 93-638 Legislative 14112 affects healthcare. There will be a big cut in Medicaid ACCHS around \$880 billion and it will affect our healthcare, if you are able to work must work. So far, our hospital/clinics haven't

been impacted yet. As for employment, positions are open and still hire if qualified. The Treaty of 1868 states that the government will provide Education and Healthcare they are obligated.

2. NHA, Audrey Gishie, Intake Specialist.

- Provided an overview of Navajo Housing Authority history, how funding is received from the two programs (Funding 1 1937 Act and Funding 2 NAHSDA) and the qualifications of housing public rental and homeownership. The homeownership's responsibility once the home is paid off. NHA works with other programs for scattered housing. NHA must comply with regulations. Most of the housing in Teesto is paid off and NHA no longer will assist with any funding and it's the responsibility of the homeownership maintenance or home improvements. There was an organization in Teesto which can be re-established.

3. ASC, Toni Mina, ASO.

- Provided an overview of the monthly financial reporting. The monthly financial check off list for chapter official review monitoring tool. The submission of monthly reporting to ASC. The review of Statement of Revenue and Expenditure, Balance Sheet, and Budget Actual Summary.

4. Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Alberto Peshlakai.

- Update of the most recent passed Resolution on the Gravel Project and waiting on a couple chapters to pass their resolution. Once all Resolution are passed and will start working on securing funds in the amount of \$6.9 million.
- The Unorganized Territory along Hwy 87 to form a committee and gather signature. This is for school districts; 1. Holbrook; 2. Joseph City; 3. Winslow and during elections you can vote for school board members.
- The position is open for Heavy Equipment Operator and stationed in Dilcon.
- The newly elected officials are mostly Republican and need to introduce themselves to residents.
- Navajo County aid chapters when they need help.
- I-40 road closure during winter conditions or accidents. Motorists find ways to avoid road closure by using their GPS on their cellphone. All motorists must stay on main roads and not other roads such as gravel or dirt roads where they might get stuck. Some of the roads are not made for oversize loads, law enforcement are notified to stop all traffic.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Approving the 2025 January Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the January Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$471,705.72; Expenses \$30,174.95; Deposits \$1,798.58; Ending Bal. \$443,329.35). Attach 3 documents with the Financial Report, they are 1. Balance Sheet, 2. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures, and 3. Budget Actual Summary.

Motion: Lucinda Honani approves the January Financial Report.

Second: Gloria Begay

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Approving the 2025 February Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the February Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$443,329.35; Expenses \$31,713.32; Deposits \$1,425.58; Ending Bal. \$413,041.61). Attach 3 documents with the Financial Report, they are 1. Balance Sheet, 2. State of Revenue and Expenditures, and 3. Budget Actual Summary.

Motion: Johnny Nells approves the February Financial Report.

Second: Peter Nez, Jr.

Vote: The vote was 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

2. A Resolution of the Teesto Chapter of the Navajo Nation to Rescind Resolution TEE-JUL-26-2024 Approving attendance and participation of Teesto Planning and Regular Chapter meetings In-Person meetings, and to reconsider the implementation of virtual attendance options for Chapter Meetings.
Motion: Laura Clelland approves the Resolution TEE-MAR-00-2025.
Second: Marie Thompson
Vote: The vote was 6 in favor, 10 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
3. Requesting the Navajo Department of Water Resources to Establish a Watering Point in the Teesto Chapter Compound. There is a 27,000-water tank storage with a casting which was damaged which can be repaired. Navajo Department of Water Resource is willing to drill for another well for livestock owners.
Motion: Laura Clelland approves the Resolution TEE-MAR-00-2025.
Second: Johnny Nells
Vote: The vote was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
4. Demanding 2025 School Board Special Election by the Holbrook Unified School District No. 3.
Informed from the March 17 meeting at Indian Wells Chapter this is no longer up for discussion or action to be taken. All school board members will step down and a special election will take place to elect all new board members. The Navajo County Election office will open for candidacy in June and election will take place in July. Currently, we have appointees who are Linda Yazzie and Claudia Jackson on the school board.
5. Requesting to change the Chapter Meeting Date and Time. This topic in discussion is for voters that are working that would like to attend Planning or Chapter Meeting, changing the time to evenings or weekend is recommended.
Motion: Johnny Nells defers to Planning Meeting.
Second: Freida Thompson
Vote: The vote was 18 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.
6. A Resolution of the Teesto Chapter of the Navajo Nation requesting the removal of the Chapter Manager due to extreme Procurement and Five Management System (FMS) mismanagement, Negligence in Financial reporting, Failure to engage the community, Lack of Fiscal Responsibility, Safety concerns, Mismanagement of Summer Youth and PEP Labor Employees, Disregard for Program Policies and Laws that govern Chapter Operations, and Failure to Act on ARPA.
Motion: Marie Thompson approves TABLE the resolution.
Second: Laura Clelland
Vote: The vote was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

VIII. REPORTS.

1. WIHCC, Inc. PIO, Alfred Pete.
 - Provided an update on the measles outbreak.
 - The Emergency response update.
2. Chapter Officials:
 - a. President, Elmer Clark.
 - b. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
 - c. Grazing Official, Martin Scott.

IX. NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2025, at 10:00am (DST), Teesto Community Center.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Motioned made by Peter Nez, Jr to adjourn the meeting at 4:06pm, seconded by Martin Scott.
Vote: Majority.