

TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
OCTOBER 21, 2025, AT 10AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES.

1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:29am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, Christina Lewis, Sophia Francis, and Martin Scott. Absent: Delegate, Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by Alfred Pete.

II. ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Motion: Marie Nez to adopt the agenda presented with changes to move Reports: 1.) Navajo County Sheriff Clouse, 2.) Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai, 3.) WIHCC, PIO Alfred Pete after Announcements.

Second: Lucinda Honani

Vote: The vote was 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Comments:

- At the Planning Meeting these topics were discussed and need documents for clarifications. They are: 1.) Rules of Order 2.) The Resolution for the Rules of Order. Others are request of the Financial Audit for the three years and most current. 3.) The Special Meeting, there were several different dates announced and was posted on the website.

III. ACCEPTING THE LAST PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion: Ella Jackson to accept the last previous meeting minutes.

Second: Freida Thompson

Vote: The vote was 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 8 abstentions.

Comments:

- Request of the Planning Meeting minutes which has not been posted on the website.
- Request that our tone of voice is spoken in a calmly manner not in a harsh tone and show respect.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- October 21, 2025 NPL Mtg., at Whitecone Chapter.
- October 20, 2025 Council Fall Session, Window Rock.
- October 29-30, 2025 DBOSBA: 2025 Fall Education Training "From Policy to Practice; Ethical Leadership in School Governance", Farmington NM.
- October 23, 2025 2-5pm Winslow Dine Group Mtg., St. Paul Church.
- NPL Meeting was held yesterday, October 21, 2025.
- Ella Jackson announced that her granddaughter will be participating in the National Youth Golf in Louisiana. Prayers and Support is very much needed.
- November 19, 2025 at 4pm School Board Mtg., Seba Dalkai Boarding School.
- December 11-13, 2025 DBOSBA Winter Conference, Las Vegas NV.
- Julie Maloney, Physician Assistant requested to share her statement to make aware on what happened at WIHCC, Inc with some Doctors. (Later, she was told this is Announcements.)

Comments:

- Dilcon Community School: Young students Pre-School to 2nd Grade were expelled. WHY? Complaints on the Principal. The HEHCS were told about the principal that he does not work with parents very well.

Presentation/Reports:

1. Navajo County Sheriff, Sheriff David M. Clouse. (Attached presentation)
 - Introduction of staffs.
 - Provided an overview of the Sheriff Department on the number of staffs and volunteers. Navajo County 9,950-9,960 square miles, state land, Navajo & Hopi Reservation including White Mountain Apache Tribe.
 - The problems with Drugs and SCAMS within our county.
 - Recruitment: Currently seeking to fill one or two deputies to reside and work on the Navajo Nation.
2. Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai.

- Finalizing the payment for heavy equipment. Depending on financial situation.
- The funding for Teesto Senior Citizen Center.
- Rachel Lewis, Superintendent of Education
 - Provided information on school funding, programs that is available for students, support for teachers and professional development, and sponsorship for the spelling bee.
- Isaura Nez, County Recorder
 - Provided update on the election.
- 3. WIHCC, Inc, PIO Alfred Pete.
 - Community Vaccine Clinic for October and November schedule. (Teesto: October 15 and November 13, 2025 from 10am to 2pm).
 - Flu and COVID-19 Vaccines: DMC Walk-In Vaccines Monday thru Friday 8am – 5:30pm (MST) & WIHCC Walk-In Vaccines Monday thru Friday 8am – 5:30pm (MST).
 - Community Health Service Events for October 2025.
 - 2025 Keep On Moving It schedule for October.
 - Office of Environmental Health: Child Passenger Safety Seats Education Program.
 - Car Seat Distribution: November 13, 2025 10am – 2pm (MST) Winslow Indian Health Care Center.
 - Refill Reminder Text Messages for Winslow, Dilcon, and Leupp.
 - Men's Sweat Lodge: October schedule.
 - Food Handler's Training: November 5 at 10am (MST) Dilcon Medical Center & December 10 at 10am (MST) Winslow Indian Health Care Center.
 - Food Distribution: November 13 & December 11 from 9am – 11am (MST), Winslow Indian Health Care Center.
 - Mental Health Training 2025-2026: Building Resiliency & Knowledge. It's FREE.
 - October Lunch Menu.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Accept/Approve the 2025 September Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the 2025 September Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$500,366.03, Expenses \$48,546.03, Deposits \$2,718.72, Ending Bal. \$454,538.82)

Motion: Freida Thompson approved the 2025 September Financial Report.

Second: Ella Jackson.

Vote: The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstentions.

Comments:

- Chapter Activity General Fund-Acct. 01: \$5,209.92 (Supplies, Travel, and Funeral Assistance)
- Land Claims Fund-Acct. 03: \$4,603.00 (Monthly Water, Waste Disposal, Phone/Internet, and Electric)
- Scholarship-Claims-Acct. 14: \$7,000.00 (Awarded 15 students with financial aid)
- Veterans Funds-Acct. 16: \$200.00 (Food for TVO meeting)
- Emergency Fund-Acct. 17: \$894.00 (Chapter Truck/Heavy Equipment fuel/diesel)
- Sale Tax Fund-Acct. 23: \$6,760.83 (Contract Services & TPZC stipends)
- Unhealthy Food Tax Fund-Acct. 40: \$2,180.82 (Professional Service & supplies)
- ARPA Fund: \$171,660.33. (Housing Improvement and Heavy Equipment) The majority the funding is coming from the savings of the heavy equipment purchase. The two accounts have assigned business unit number therefore the chapter cannot use the funding until the heavy equipment budget has been closed out and funds transferred to housing repairs. This letter is being finalized for submission and approval by the Controller. Until this happens, the heavy equipment funds cannot be accessed. The Council Delegate is also required to approve this corrective action plan. Honorable Delegate Yazzie has already indicated her support should the Office of Controller approve of this scenario. **The recommendation is to hold a special meeting to request to release the funding and to be utilized. There is a deadline to use all ARPA funding internally by the end of September 2026. The ultimate deadline for the expenditure of ARPA funds is December 30, 2026.**

Recommendation:

- Schedule a Special Meeting, October 26, 2025 at 2pm. Discussion only on the ARPA fund.
2. 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 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.
- Motion: Gina Betoney approved Resolution TEE-OCT-03-2026 with amendment to read October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2029 a four-year Intergovernmental Agreement between Teesto Chapter and DALTCS.
- Second: Laura Clelland.
- Vote: The vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

VII. **REPORTS. (5-MINUTES)**

4. WIHCC, Inc, Rep John Nells.
5. Dilcon Community School, School Board President, Linda M. Yazzie.
- School Board for At-Large. (Whitecone, Jeddito, and Indian Wells).
 - Currently four (4) Board Member. (2-Dilcon, 1-Teesto, and 1-At-Large)
 - 220 students enrolled. Other school are still looking to enrolled students.
 - Currently 31 students at Residential which is open Sunday thru Friday.
 - ISEP Count week scheduled from September 14 thru October 4.
 - DCS Financial Audit came out good. Audit is done every year.
 - DCS Academic test scores came out with high scores.
 - Classroom Observation.
 - Navajo Language/Cultural teaching.
 - School Board Meeting scheduled every month.
 - The school board supervises only the principal. The principal supervises all other department Manager & Staffs.
 - Events & Activities: First Quarter Award Assembly at 9:45am & Breakfast with the Principal at 9:30am scheduled October 22, 2025.
 - The pageant for Mr. Dilcon, Miss. Dilcon, and Miss Lil Dilcon, October 14, 2025.
 - October 31, 2025 Trunk-or-Treat, Dilcon Community School.

Comment:

- Student Suspension.
 - A concern Grandparent.
 - Highest complaints: Absenteeism
 - We need to hear more on student academics and absenteeism at next chapter meeting.
6. Seba Dalkai Brdg School, Principal Ms. Bigboy.
- Two board members: President, Lucinda Honani and Vice-President, Vacant: Secretary, Clara Williams. The At-Large representation is needed from Whitecone/Dilcon.
 - Audit: the main source of funding is ISEP.
 - We work with Associate Deputy Emily Arviso and Edie Morris.
 - Currently there is 36 employees. (Food Service, Residential, Facility, Bus Drivers, Administration, and Education Technician).
 - Forty-five years in the educational field, sixteen years at Seba Dalkai Boarding School. Will be retiring soon.
 - Currently there is 19 students at Residential. These students come from Whitecone, Jeddito, and other places.
 - We have 13 students in the Special Education Program with 1 Speech Therapy.
 - We have a Navajo Language/Cultural Teacher which is required by Indian Education.
 - We completed out first quarter moving on to our second quarter.
 - We will provide out academic flow chart at the next chapter meeting.
7. Winslow Residential Hall, Inc., Homeliving Mgr.
8. Teesto Senior Citizen Center, Supervisor Rudie John.
- We have elders eating at the center daily.
 - Requested for funding and was awarded \$75,000.00 for HVAC contract, the expansion of parking lot for mobile access, and other continues issues. There is a \$50,000.00 contingency for short fall and

will be available if needed. If we use all our funding and still need improvements for our center, we could use other funding that is available.

- We are currently working on our citations from the Office of Environmental Health.
- Received report from Council Delegate Yazzie that we come out on top out of eighteen centers.
- Our cook will be retiring.
- Teesto, Whitecone, and Crystal Senior Citizen Center represented Navajo Nation at the National Council of Aging. We spent one week in Oklahoma. We did our own fundraising to cover our expenses.
- October 24, 2025, we have schedule Flu clinic.
- We need access open by the cattle guard for elders that wants to come to the center, we do not want anybody getting hurt.
- Currently working on the crosswalk with NDOT (Chapter).
- We need to be included in the Five-year Comprehensive Plan for Teesto. This is coming from Navajo Nation Health Department.

9. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.

- Job Announcement: PEP position advertised with a closing date October 20, 2025 at 11:45am. Position: Office Specialist/Mail Clerk, PT Office Aide, PT Custodian, and Heavy Equipment Operator. Interview scheduled October 22, 2025.
- ARPA: October 14 Lisa Jymm shared the draft memo to Controller. The letter was reviewed and revised.
- Heavy equipment maintenance in the amount of \$4,000.00.
- Septic cleaning the application is on the website and front office there is a deadline November 1, 2025. Provide direction to your house and plan for the driver to service one area at a time.
- 17-538 update on the drilling project. The report states there was a cave in and drill bits broke. The fiscal year budget not approved therefore workers is not on site.
- Insurance premium: the underwriter exposure needs to be submitted by August; we usually submit on time. There is only one individual that work in the department that takes care of the chapter insurance. They are back logged and finally received our insurance.
- Veteran's purchase of flag for their meeting hall. They are planning to renovate the meeting hall.
- Audit on-site visit before the end of December. They will look at our files.

10. Chapter Officials:

a. President, Elmer Clark.

- October 13, 2025 Special Meeting for the Annual Allocation and Carry-over budget. There is a process which takes time therefore need to approve it. The approval forwarded to ASC and to other departments finally put in the WIND System.
- Rule of Order presented at the planning meeting. The amendments to the policy forwarded to Department of Justice for review. The Rule of Order is coming from the Justice Department since the chapter does not have a parliamentary procedure.
- Elder assistance for roof repair. The individual came out short for (4) bundles roofing material. Contacted the NHLC for assistance.

b. Vice-President, Christina Lewis.

- October 13, 2025 Special Meeting was very much needed. The Carry-over and Annual Allocation for Fiscal Year 2026 had to be approved.

c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.

d. DSGM, Martin Scott.

- Represent all grazing permit holders.
- There is a lot of conflicts with homesite lease and over grazing.
- Part of the Teesto Planning Zoning Commission (TPZC).
- The reissuance of grazing permit update, so far, no reissuance.
- Round-up that took place last month which was successful.

Comment:

- Problem with cattle's being on the road. What can be done?

Community Member concerns:

- Having electrical problems with outlets inside the house.
- The need of septic cleaning.
- Any firewood or coal for community members?

Motion: Freida Thompson accepts all oral/verbal reports.

Second: Juanita Lee.

Vote: The vote was 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Planning Mtg., November 4, 2025 at 9am (MST), Teesto Community Center.
- Chapter Mtg, November 18, 2025, at 9am (MST), Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Laura Clelland adjourned the meeting at 3:14pm.

Second: Juanita Lee.

Vote: Majority.

Submitted by:

Sophia Francis
Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

Oct. 22. 2025
Date