

TEESTO CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING  
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER  
NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 9:00AM (MST)

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- I. PRELIMINARIES.
  1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:01am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
  2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, Christina Lewis, Sophia Francis, and Martin Scott. Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
  3. Invocation was given by Johnny Nells.
- II. ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Motion: Lucinda Honani adopt the agenda presented to include under Reports: 9.) Salt Woman, Laura Clelland and 10.) Grandchild Introduction, Ella Jackson.

Second: Milton Franklin.

Vote: The vote was 18 in favor, 1 opposed, and 9 abstentions.

Comment: Mona requested several items to be put on the agenda and the motion party did not accept/approve the request.
- III. ACCEPTING THE LAST PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion: Myron Paddock accepts the October 21, 2025.

Second: LeRoy Thomas.

Vote: The vote was 30 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Motion: Lucinda Honani accepts the October 26, 2025.

Second: Ella Jackson.

Vote: The vote was 30 in favor, 0 opposed, and 9 abstentions.

Motion: Juanita Lee accepts the October 13, 2025.

Second: Carol James.

Vote: The vote was 29 in favor, 0 opposed, and 10 abstentions.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
  1. November 27, 2025 Thanksgiving Day (Chapter Closed)
  2. November 28, 2025 Family Day (Chapter Closed)
  3. December 09, 2025 10am Meeting with IHS, Teesto Community Center.
  4. November 25, 2025 9am TPZC Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
  5. November 21, 2025 1-4pm Grand-Opening WIHCC, Inc. In-Patients Beds, Dilcon Medical Center.
  6. November 18, 2025 2:30pm Seba Dalkai Brdg. School Board Mtg., Seba Dalkai Brdg. School.
  7. November 20, 2025 Teesto Senior Citizen Center Thanksgiving Dinner, Teesto Senior Citizen Center.
  8. November 22, 2025 Christmas Parade, Winslow.
  9. Cedar Springs Nazarene 9:30 Sunday School & 10:30 Service.
- V. Presentation: Souder, Miller, & Associates (SMA) NA-22-LY5 Teesto Mountainside Extension Waterline Project. Paul Mendez, Farmington office. Provided information on the waterline project. The waterline project is in the vicinity of the Gishie family 18 residential will be receiving the waterline which is 3-mile East of Teesto chapter. NECA will be doing the project and at the planning and design. There will be a water storage tank put in place, the waterline connection will be in place by NTUA. Indian Health Service (IHS) will be doing the survey and archeological study a field survey. There is a meeting scheduled December 9, 2025 at 9:00am at Teesto Community Center, if anyone wants to attend, they are welcome to attend.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS.
  1. Approve/Accept the 2025 October Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the 2025 October Fund Balance Ledger. (Beg. Bal. \$439,409.89; Expenses \$31,859.59; Deposits \$870.07; Ending Bal. \$408,420.37).

Motion: Laura Clelland approved the 2025 October Financial Report.

Second: Ella Jackson

Vote: The vote was 36 in favor, 0 opposed and 9 abstentions.

Acct. 01-Chapter General Fund \$1,137.71 (Funeral Assistance, Travel, Water Heater purchase, Taxes, and supplies).

Acct. 03-Land Claims Trust Funds \$6,994.00 (Phone, Propane, Internet, Electric, and Water).

Acct. 10-Local Governance Claim \$752.49 (Stipends).

Acct. 14-Scholarship Claims \$70.40 (This the balance since 14 students were given financial assistance).

Acct. 17-Emergency Fund \$1,979.34 (Gasoline/Diesel for chapter truck/heavy equipment).

Acct. 23-Sales Tax Funds \$13,348.72 (Service Contract, Travel, Auto/Property Insurance, MIP Tech. Support, and Stipends).

Acct. 40-Unhealthy Food Tax Funds \$760.00 (Service Contract).

2. Requesting to NHA to continue to provide technical assistant to Teesto Chapter for plan for additional housing units that was put on hold in FY 2022 due to inadequate water and electrical resources. Teesto chapter and NHA initiated planning activities in FY 2021 for additional housing units in the community by the increase request of more housing assistance. In 2022 NTUA released the electrical and water utility capacity analysis reports did not have the electrical and water infrastructure for the housing units. This put the project on hold until such time. There is now a 3-phase line (electrical) and waiting the release of the water from Leupp. TPZC is working on these proposed plans including a C-Store at the crossroad Teesto Assembly of God and Hwy 87.

Motion: LeRoy Thomas approved Resolution TEE-NOV-06-2026.

Second: Sonny Franklin

Vote: The vote was 39 in favor, 3 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

Comment:

Ms. Paula Kanuho spoke of this topic. She indicated that her sister Grace and herself are the allottee. They disagree with the proposed plan.

3. Road maintenance agreement to provide road maintenance service on Bureau of Indian Affairs Road system and Navajo Department of Transportation. The agreement is to authorize the chapter to assist the Bureau in the performance of road maintenance activities on earth and gravel roads specifically BIA routes which are within the boundaries of the chapter.

Motion: Lucinda Honani approved Resolution TEE-NOV-07-2026.

Second: Johnny Nells

Vote: The vote was 46 in favor, 0 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Comment:

Mona suggested working with the hospital and school, that patients and students are important. Therefore, we need to work with them.

4. Requesting to recommending the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee, Navajo Nation Resource Development Committee, Navajo Nation of Community Development, and the Navajo Nation Council to consider conversion of Teesto Chapter Heavy Equipment Operator as a permanent employee of Teesto Chapter.
- Motion: Johnny Nells approved Resolution TEE-NOV-08-2026. Teesto Chapter has employed a local heavy equipment operator through the Public Employment Program within the past year. He can operate the grader, front end loader, and fork lift. Heavy Equipment Operator provides hauling water and grades the roads when needed, also performs general maintenance services for the facilities/building with the Teesto Chapter tract. The HEO position deserves health benefits, annual/sick leaves, and pension.

Motion: Johnny Nells approved Resolution TEE-NOV-08-2025.

Second: Peter Nez, Jr.

Vote: The vote was 48 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Comment:

The Five Management System (FMS) needs to be amended and a 164 process; the process will take long.

## VIII. REPORTS. (5-minutes)

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie. Provided updates from the Fall Council Session. (Attached the written report).
  - NN Council confirmed Dr. Andee Lister, Dine Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission (DURAC).
  - Veterans Act Amendment-Legislation CO-53-25.
  - Council did not confirm Colin Bradley as NN Attorney General. Pres. Nygren appointed Kris Beecher as Acting Attorney General. The legislation will now move forward.

- NPL Grazing Permit Notice & ONHIR Closure Update.
  - 43-day Federal Government Shutdown.
2. Navajo County Board of Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai.
  3. WIHCC, Inc. PIO Alfred Pete.
    - Provided the upcoming vaccine clinics, monthly events & activities, and announcements of the Grand-Opening of the In-patient care beds.
    - Working closely with the Dilcon Police Department. If there is an emergency call (928) 657-0875.
  4. WIHCC, Inc. Rep. Johnny Nells.
    - Mr. Al Pete does a good job doing public information on KTNN-660.
    - WIHCC, Inc. and DMC must follow Policies, Regulations, and Rules. Also, Confidentiality.
    - November 7, Board of Directors scheduled monthly meeting. We had the patient advocate do their quarterly report. There are more complaints than compliments. We need to hear some good compliments on how well our staffs are doing their jobs and where we need to improve
    - In the process of Joint Commission with the In-patient care service.
    - The CEO was evaluated and approved 1-year contract.
  5. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Principal Ms. Bigboy.
  6. Dilcon Community School, School Board Member.
    - DCS is a great job in academics, test scores, and teachers are doing great.
    - There have not been any students expelled.
    - When students are suspended there is a due process that must be followed, the parents have the right to appeal the decision before the school board members, and all parties are contacts.
    - There will be changes forthcoming. The policies will be updated during the work session in December.
    - Student enrollment 216 and Residential has 30. Residential Sunday through Friday.
    - There were several events: Sports Banquet, 141 students were awarded, Pageants: Mr. Dilcon, Miss. Dilcon, and Miss Lil Dilcon, and Veterans breakfast.
    - Our students did a great job in Volleyball they took Champion and Cross-Country.
    - Principal dropped of the packets which can be picked up and you can read on your own.
    - Overall, on what is shared on social media Dilcon Community School is doing good.
  7. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
    - Coal Cared is available. Just sign-up and get your card.
    - Septic cleaning: Calls were made to individuals that will be receiving the services.
    - Updating the CLUPC manual. Working with TPZC and complete the manual before Thanksgiving holiday. Receiving input from the members and officials.
    - The Grader is out of service due to maintenance. It should be running by Friday.
    - Thank you to Chapter Officials, Grazing Officer, Pauline Hunter, Ella Jackson, and Genevieve Joe for bringing foods and donating turkey for the luncheon.
    - Auditor will be in contact sometime in December to do an On-Site visit.
  8. Chapter Officials:
    1. President, Elmer Clark.
      - Reapportionment on Council Delegate.
      - November 25, 2025 TPZC meeting. Invited Division of Community Development. Discussion on the local cemetery, lagoon, and other important issues. There will be public hearing to be scheduled and contact livestock permit holders.
      - The update on CLUPC manual.
      - Redrill project: They drill over 1000 feet and no water. The idea of the project was for the community garden.

2. Vice-President, Christina Lewis.

- Appreciate and thanked everyone.
- Still learning the process of the administration.
- The recommendation of scheduling a collaboration meeting with departments, a government-to-government meeting. The future plans for Teesto and where do we start?

3. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.

4. DSGM, Martin Scott.

- Provided update on the reissuance of livestock permits, the AIF Program on hold, and attended all the monthly meetings regarding the livestock permits on NPL and Big Rez.

9. Laura Clelland, Salt Women.

- Foot care she provided at the Senior Citizen Center, the elderlies she helped with their foot care. Provided some counseling, some are grieving, and they want the service to continue. The funds used came from the Unhealthy Food Tax funds.

10. Ella Jackson, Grandchild introduction. (They left)

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE:

Planning Meeting: December 2, 2025, 9:00am Teesto Community Center.

Regular Meeting: December 16, 2025, 10:00am Teesto Community Center.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn due to loss of quorum at 4:10pm,

Submitted by:

Sophia Francis

Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

November 19, 2025

Date

*Wishing you and your family a season of abundance and joy.  
Happy Thanksgiving from Teesto Chapter staffs and chapter officials.*