

TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, AT 9:00AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES.

1. Call Meeting to Order at 9:18am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by Morgan Yazzie.

II. READING & ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

III. READING & ACCEPTING THE LAST MEETING MINUTES.

Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to accept the last meeting minutes, seconded by Morgan Yazzie. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. September 5-10, 2023, Navajo Nation Fair Week, Window Rock.
2. September 11, 2023, at 9am Work session: Ch'ooshgai Community School, TBD
3. September 12, 2023, at 9am Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board Mtg, Dilcon Community School.
4. September 14, 2023, at 9am Work session: Wide Ruins Community School.
5. September 18, 2023, at 10am Teesto Chapter Mtg., Teesto Community Center.
6. September 20, 2023, at 9am Work session: Dilcon/Greasewood Community School, Dilcon Community School.
7. September 20, 2023, at 5:30pm District 7 Agency Council Mtg., Dilcon NDOT Conference Room, Dilcon.
8. September 21, 2023, at 9am Work session: T'iisyakiin Residential Hall, Inc., Holbrook.
9. September 25, 2023, at 9am NASHWT, Isleta NM
10. September 27, 2023, after 9am Food Distribution, Teesto Community Center.
11. September 7, 2023, Rez-Wide Mtg., Window Rock.
12. September 15, 2023, Ft. Defiance Grazing Mtg., Tohatchi NM
13. September 19, 2023, NPL Grazing Mtg., Shonto Chapter.
14. September 26, 2023, TAG Mtg., Telephonically
15. September 26, 2023, Community Networking, Navajo County.

V. REPORTS:

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
2. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
 - The yearly position at the chapter will be ending September 29, 2023, that is the Official Specialist, Maintenance Technician, Postal Clerk, and Custodian. The chapter administration will be advertising the positions for 10 working days. The staff will be paid on their last day of employment. The announcement will be on the website and bulletin, anybody can apply for these positions. The discussion is whether the custodian is still needed. There will be a staff meeting today at 3pm or tomorrow morning there will be no service at that time.
 - ARPA update. Our projects have been approved for the purchase of heavy equipment and home improvement/weatherization. We are waiting for the business unit number

which has been requested. According to the memorandum which we received from NN-DCD on the IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity) contract to assist the Non-LGA Certified Chapters. The DCD has assigned the firms to the following chapters. Teesto was assigned IDSA-Indigenous Design Studio & Architecture) Contact person Tamarah Begay. Teesto is a certified chapter and if they want to utilize Ms. Begay services submit response in a letter. The interest is that Teesto would like to find a Project Manager, Contractor, and hire its own personnel. The funding will come in 50%, 25%, the last of 25%. There will be a scope of work.

- The Housing Improvement/Weatherization application is available at the front desk and on the website. You must be a registered voter and attached 3 quotes which are required according to the FMS policy. We have community members that are not registered now registering with Ms. Yazzie but must have registered within prior 6 months.
 - Our Fiscal Year Ending September 29, 2023, and payout on all payroll & Stipends.
 - Roads: There is road maintenance/grading and a meeting with Seba Dalkai Boarding School regarding their bus route. We have funding available.
 - Our Maintenance Technician will be finishing out the services requested on heavy equipment before the end of our fiscal year.
 - Water hauling is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday.
 - Teesto Chapter is open for services Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm, last transaction at 4:30pm for water and trash.
 - If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our Administration Office.
 - The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) application is being accepted. We encouraged individuals to apply for this assistance with a deadline September 2023.
 - Cold weather will soon be here, we encourage that families need to start hauling firewood for their grandparents and parents. The chapter has limited funding for firewood so start preparing.
3. Chapter Officials:
- a. President, Elmer Clark.
 - Lyndell Yazzie, OEH works for WIHCC, Inc. We have a family that needs improvement/repairs on their bathroom plumbing and fixtures. The family got their bathroom addition awhile back and since then it started deteriorating. Kevin Gore, OEH stated they can only assist one time and after that it's the chapter's responsibility.
 - There are three families that need waterline to their house and it's not far for the line to come to their house. There is no funding available to complete the line.
 - The repairs on White Clay dam. The water department is in the area. There should be a feasibility to be done and the kind of repair that needs to be done.
 - Teesto Development Corporation has been developed and ready.
 - b. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
 - The plan for the blessing ceremony for the new facility.
 - Veteran Office: There will be forms accepted for home repairs for Vietnam Veterans and was informed it was sent to the chapter.
 - Bus Shelter: There is a need for a bus shelter for students that wait for the bus in Dilcon for Holbrook Unified School. The area gets muddy and unsafe for the students.
 - Dilcon Medical Center: There are patients that come in for appointments and they wait, after a long wait they are told to reschedule. We need to address these concerns with Mr. Nells and Mr. Pete at the chapter meeting.

- Livestock owners deal with stray dogs and attacking livestock. There is a need from Animal control.
- c. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.
- Available when needed at the chapter and receives update on upcoming events/activities.
 - We need community to understand the importance of registering with the chapter, the funding we receive from Navajo Nation which is based on the enrollment. Now that there is ARPA funding and for housing improvement, we have people registering from far and near. The same with scholarship they register and after they finish their school they don't come back to vote.
- d. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
- Missed last month's chapter meeting due to conflict in schedule. It has been a busy month with ceremonies and other events.
 - Continue to do tally counts and homesite lease.
 - Neighbors making complaints to livestock owners and the disagreements. Grazing official told to settle the dispute and not following the chain of command. There is a form that needs to be filled and filed with Grazing Official to settle the dispute.
- e. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board, Sophia Francis.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommending Approving/Accept 2023 August Financial Report.
2. Supporting the Reauthorization of Winslow Residential Hall, Inc to continue as a Tribal Control (School) Residential Hall pursuant to Public Law 100-297 as a Grant (School) Residential Hall during the period of July 1, 2023.
3. Requesting NDOT/BIA to put up a STOP signage on road 9062 and 9065.
4. Requesting and Recommending waiver of 3 quotation per policy.
Motion made by LeRoy Thomas to approve all business item 1 through 4 for chapter approval at regular meeting, seconded by Sophia Francis. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Sophia Francis to adjourn the meeting at 12:13pm, seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained. Motion carried.

Submitted by: