

TEESTO REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, AT 10:00AM (DST)

I. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call Meeting to Order at 10:19am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
2. Roll Call: Present-Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
3. Invocation given by John Nells.
4. Introduction of Guests.
 - New CEO WIHCC, Inc. Virgil L. Davis.
 - Kari Hernandez Lopez, Navajo County Treasurer.
 - Angela Maloney, collecting signature for Maye Peshlakai.
 - Darlene Begay, Case Manager/Facilitator.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion made by Mona Seamon to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by John Nells. To include business action under Old Business 1. Requesting and Recommending Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Hopi Land Commission and NHLC Office to seek, identify and secure \$50 million to address 2nd Generation Relocatee Homelessness. 2. Reaffirming request to Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation to provide repairs to ONHIR constructed relocation homes. New Business 3. Requesting and Recommending \$50 million of ARPA monies to repurposed for 2nd Generation Relocates. 4. Supporting 2024 Northeastern Water Rights Settlement Initiative. The vote was 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions. Motion made by Lucinda Honani to AMEND the Agenda to add item Under New Business 5. Requesting President Joseph R. Biden appoint a commissioner to the Office of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

III. ACCEPTING/APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES. February 20, 2024.

Motion made by Juanita Lee to accept/approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Laura Williams. The vote was 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT

1. March 28-29, 2024, 2024 DBOSBA Spring Conference, Wild Horse Pass, Chandler.
2. March 20, 2024, NPL Joint Mtg., Jeddito.
3. March 28, 2024, TAG Meeting at 10am (Telephonically).
4. April 2, 2024, at 9:00am Teesto Planning Meeting, Teesto Community Center.
5. April 9, 2024, at 9:00am Tse'Hootsoi Regional Navajo School Brd Mtg., Choo'shgai.
6. April 18, 2024, at 9:00am Tse'Hootsoi Regional Navajo School Brd. Special Mtg., Hunters Point Boarding School.
7. March 26, 2024, District 7 Council Mtg., Greasewood Springs Chapter.
8. March 31, 2024, Cedar Springs Nazarene Church Sunrise Service with Breakfast/Service.
9. April 04, 2024, District 7 Grazing Mtg,
10. April 15, 2024, Ft. Defiance Grazing Mtg., Window Rock.
11. April 17, 2024, NPL Joint Grazing Mtg., Chilchinbeto.

V. OLD BUSINESS.

1. Requesting and Recommending Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President, Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Hopi Land Commission and NHLC Office to seek, identify and secure \$50 million to address 2nd Generation Relocatee Homelessness. This item was

deferred from last month's chapter meeting. Its now has been 50 years since some families have the relocated to various place. Now, the families are seeking housing assistance especially those that have relocated in the 1970's and 1980's who are calling themselves 2nd Generation Relocates they are seeking some land base for their resettlement that would include water, powerline, roads, and economic development. There are families that relocated off reservation like Bordertown and cities and those denied relocation benefits who resisted relocation who were born and bred on the HPL who now find themselves homeless and without housing. The recommendations to the Navajo Nation Office of the President, Vice-President, NN Council and NHLC to identify and secure \$50 million in funding to address the homelessness for 2nd Generation Relocates whether it be NN, State, Federal, and other funds. The NN President to take the lead. Motion made by Mona Seamon to delete resolution TEE-FEB-13-2024 and to refurbish the resolution according to the NHLC template, seconded by Lucinda Honani. The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions.

2. Reaffirming request to Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation to provide repairs to ONHIR constructed relocation homes. It was shared that 814 Teesto community members relocated from Teesto to various area. There were 3 commissioners selected and those members are no longer serving. The Navajo Nation is requesting that a commissioner is selected, the individual who has the authority is the President of the United States Joseph R. Biden. The request is funding from ONHIR for repairs. Motion made by Mona Seamon to approve the request to Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation to provide repairs to ONHIR constructed relocation homes, seconded by Marilyn Ruiz. The vote was 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstentions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Accept/Approving the 2024 February Financial Report. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the February Financial Report. (Beg. Bal. \$409,850.47, Expenses \$36,932.88, Deposits \$36,548.45, Ending Bal. \$409,466.04) Motion made by John Nells to approve the 2024 February Financial Report, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions.
2. Amending Chapter Officials Plan of Operation regarding Planning and Regular Chapter Meeting dates. Motion made by John Nells to approve amending the Planning and Regular Chapter meeting dates, seconded by Alfred Pete. The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstentions.
3. Requesting that \$50 million of the Navajo Nation's American Rescue Plan Act be repurposed to repair homes and provide hosing assistance to Navajos relocated under Public Law 93-531 and the descendants of those relocates. The supports to Navajo Hopi Land Commission of the Navajo Nation Council to request \$50 million of the Navajo Nation's ARPA be repurposed to provide home repairs and assistance to Navajos who were relocated under P.L.93-531, as well as to their descendants. Motion made by Lucinda Honani to approve Resolution TEE-MAR-15-2024, seconded by Marilyn Ruiz. The vote was 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstentions.
4. Supporting the proposed Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights settlement agreement to resolve the Water Rights claims of the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe to water from the Upper Basin in Arizona, Lower Basin of the Colorado River in Arizona, including the Little Colorado River system and the Gila River system, and recommending to the Navajo Nation Council the approval of the settlement agreement. Motion made by John Nells to approve the Resolution TEE-MAR-16-2024, seconded by Marilyn Ruiz. The vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions.
5. Requesting President Joseph R. Biden appoint a commissioner to the Office of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation. The Navajo Nation to request that President Biden exercise his authority under the Relocation Act and immediately appoint a Commissioner to ONHIR that ca be held accountable for carrying out a just and compassionate relocation program. Motion

made by Lucinda Honani to approve Resolution TEE-MAR-17-2024, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

VII. REPORTS.

1. Council Delegate, Honorable Cheryl Yazzie.
2. Navajo County Supervisor, Alberto Peshlakai. (Nicole Reske)
 - Community Networking Meeting scheduled April 8, 2024, at Blue Gap Chapter.
 - Appreciation for opening their facility for the election.
 - April Clean-up and Navajo County can reimburse with \$500.00.
3. WIHCC, Inc. PIO, Alfred Pete.
 - Provided information on the Measles outbreak, Mumps, and Rubella. Have your children get their vaccination updated and those that have not received their shots get it.
 - The SCAM update. There were reports from the Northern Navajo Medical Center alert of phone calls being made requesting for personal information to obtain Medicaid card. If you receive any calls pertaining to Medicaid do not provide your information.
 - Hours of Operation at Dilcon Medical Center and WIHCC, Inc.
 - Car Seat Distribution, Friday, March 29, 2024. 10am – 2 PM (MST) Whitecone Chapter.
 - Food Distribution, WIHCC, Inc., April 11, 2024. 2PM-3:30PM.
4. WIHCC, Inc. Johnny Nells.
 - The proposed project of making a space for recognition of individuals for their services and others.
5. Dilcon Community School, Principal Mr. Washunas.
6. Seba Dalkai Boarding School, Principal Ms. Bigboy/ Jonthan Leonard.
7. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.
8. Chapter Officials:
 - a. Grazing Official, Morgan Yazzie.
 - Monthly meetings attended and times there's a conflict in schedule but try to attend.
 - Updates on the reissuance of livestock permits and heirship. NRIA on probate and transfer of permits issuance.
 - The information received on burial and the process. In the legislation it stated that the individual who digs the grave will sign off.
 - The ARPA funding is restricted funds. The funds must be spent according to our needs.
 - Gardening is an idea that should be planned.
 - Provides a lot of useful information and should be shared. The recommendation is to host a workshop and invite the community members.
 - b. President, Elmer Clark.
 - Provided an overview of the ARPA funding that is being awarded to Teesto Chapter. We are following our procurement policy, the process it will take for building materials, the before and after the completion of repairs photos to be taken, and the check.
 - The land withdrawal for family plot for burials, community cemetery, and cremation of love's one ashes is not to be scattered on Navajo land. This is the new legislation that was passed by the RDC.
 - c. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.
 - Overview from the District 7 Council Meeting: Projects that are pending from Chapters, Selection of Officers, and Roads Maintenance/Improvements.
 - Vietnam Veterans events that is scheduled at Twin Arrows, June 2024.
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.

- Comments on issues/concerns. The ARPA funding is a one-time opportunity for our community members to receive housing assistance. Let's work together to obtain what's being requested.
 - Volunteer your time to help the chapter staff.
 - Help yourself and don't always seek assistance from the chapter, sooner or later the funding that we receive will be limited from Navajo Nation.
- e. Tse'Hootsoi II Regional Navajo School Board, Sophia Francis.
- There's a 3rd Option on the School Board Reapportionment Plan.
9. Teesto Senior Citizen Center, Manager Rudy John.
- Food Delivery
 - Maintenance/Repairs on the building.
 - Roads: We need road graded. Our vehicle is breaking down due to roads.
 - We have more Dilcon Seniors eating at the center. Teesto has a low count.
 - We have the largest participation in the Ft. Defiance Agency.
 - Upgrade needs to be met.
 - Request to be put on the Planning Mtg., Agenda. The request is that the center needs a new walk-in freezer and refrigerator.

VIII. NEW MEETING DATE: April 16, 2024, at 10:00am (DST), Teesto Community Center.

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by John Nells to adjourn the meeting at 3:42PM, seconded by Juanita Lee. The vote was Majority.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Sophia Francis
Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

March 21, 2024
Date