

TEESTO CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING
TEESTO COMMUNITY CENTER
DECEMBER 3, 2024, AT 9:00AM (MST)

I. PRELIMINARIES.

- A. Call Meeting to Order at 9:40am by Chapter President, Elmer Clark.
- B. Roll Call: Present-Elmer Clark, LeRoy Thomas, Sophia Francis, and Morgan Yazzie. Absent-Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.
- C. Invocation given by Elmer Clark.

II. APPROVING THE AGENDA.

Motion: LeRoy Thomas approved the agenda presented.
Second: Morgan Yazzie.
Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

III. ACCEPTING THE LAST PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES.

Motion: Sophia Francis accepts the last previous meeting minutes.
Second: LeRoy Thomas.
Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- 1. December 10, 2024, at 9:00am Tse'Hootsi II Regional School Brd. Mtg., GSCS.
- 2. December 5 & 18, 2024, 2:15-7:30pm Christmas Bazaar Dilcon Community School.
- 3. December 12-14, 2024, DBOSBA/DGSA Winter Conference, Las Vegas NV.
- 4. December 12-14, 2024, NAGSA Winter Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- 5. December 20-21, 2024, KDLO Winter Professional Development, Wild Horse Casino & Resort, Chandler.
- 6. December 29-31. 2024, WRHI Winter Worksession, Flagstaff.
- 7. December 17, 2024, at 10:00am Teesto Chapter Mtg., w/Christmas Dinner, Teesto Community Center.
- 8. December 25, 2024, Christmas Holiday (Chapter Closed)
- 9. December 5, 2024, 9am District 7 Grazing Mtg., Dilcon or Indian Wells Chapter.
- 10. December 16, 2024, 10am Ft. Defiance Agency Grazing Mtg., Tse Bonito.
- 11. December 18, 2024, 9am NPL Joint Grazing Mtg, Tolani Lake Chapter.
- 12. December 6, 2024, 9am Board of Directors Mtg, WIHCC, Inc./DMC, Dilcon.
- 13. December 6, 2024, Christmas Bazaar on the Eastside of the Cafeteria, DMC.

V. REPORTS.

A. Council Delegate, Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie.

- Discussion on the Resolution that was presented at the last meeting. There was contact made by Delegate Yazzie, she shared that she was being threatened and her family. She requested that she can submit a written report and read it into record. Then, the request that was made was she needs to be in attendance since Teesto is not making those threat. If she can't make the meetings, she can send her LDA. Overall, there is no communication from our Delegate and not providing her assistance to her chapters. The community's member of five chapters has formed a Recall Committee and will start getting signatures. The prior recall committee was close to obtaining the number until the chairperson decided to run for the elected position.

B. Chapter Manager, Clara Tsosie.

- 12/20/2024 2-4:45pm Toys for Tots, Teesto Community Center GYM.
- 12/25/2024 Chapter Closed.
- 01/01/2025 Chapter Closed.
- PEP Position being advertised for 2 labors to work on the ARPA Home Repair and weatherization project.
- ARPA Housing Repair & Weatherization Project with 39 completed projects and 19 in process.
- Former Senior Center Demolition Project. Update on the report.

C. Official Chapter:

1. President, Elmer Clark.

- Teesto Development Corporation a Non-Profit 501 (C) 3 with Board of Directors: Chairperson Jesse Thompson, Vice Chairperson Peggy Scott, Secretary Lucinda Honani, Members: Susie Wauneka and Paulene Hunter. The Tucson Group APEX install a water purification with a TDS at zero which is good. The firm prepared a proposal for a grant in the amount of \$300K to BIA if we could hire staff. Secondly, \$2 million grant to EPA which is a 3-year grant. These funding is geared toward the waterline from Leupp and the water treatment plant design and construction. NTUA, Rex Kuntz likes the plan of water treatment plant and should be for all communities not just the hospital.
- With the new board of directors, we will be revising the By-Laws and Article of Incorporation. We shall have our meetings quarterly.

2. Vice-President, LeRoy Thomas.

- I made a visit to the Veteran's office to submit documents and to gather some information pertaining to veteran's housing. The \$50 million given to the veterans. The housing is per Delegate's region, Delegate Yazzie is given two (2) housing for Veterans and information obtained one of the housings is going to Whitecone and the other to Dilcon. The Speaker is given twenty-one (21) housing, some of our veterans are in need. We need to find out on how many veterans we have within our Teesto Community.

3. Secretary/Treasurer, Sophia Francis.

- No Report currently.

4. Grazing Officer, Morgan Yazzie.

- Tally count has been made and haven't submitted the documents.
- All reports and documents must be submitted by December 30.
- Still doing GPS for NTUA consent waterline and powerline.
- Still working toward to reissuance of livestock permits for living, heirship, and others.

Motion: LeRoy Thomas approves all oral/verbal reports.

Second: Morgan Yazzie.

Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

VI. OLD BUSINESS.

VII. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Recommending Approving the 2024 November Financial Report.

Motion: LeRoy Thomas approves the business item for the regular chapter meeting.

Second: Morgan Yazzie.

Vote: The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: January 7, 2025, at 9:00AM (MST), Teesto Community Center

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Motion made by Sopha Francis to adjourn the meeting at 12:12pm, seconded by LeRoy Thomas. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Submitted by:

Sophia Francis
Sophia Francis, Secretary/Treasurer

12/4/2024
Date

CHAPTER MANAGER'S REPORT

December 3, 2024 (Tuesday)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

12/17/2024: 9AM - Regular Chapter Meeting with Christmas Dinner.

12/20/2024: 2PM – 4:45PM Toys for Tots in the gym.

12/25/2024: Chapter Closed

01/01/2026: Chapter Closed

PEP Position:

Chapter is advertising for two (2) laborers to work on the ARPA Home Repair and Weatherization Project.

Begin Date: December 2, 2024 through December 11, 2024 @ 4:00PM.

ARPA Housing Repair and Weatherization Project:

East: 8 Complete/6 In-Process

South: 10 Complete/5 In-Process

North: 8 Complete/3 In-Process

NHA: 2 Complete/1 In-Process

West and Out of Teesto: 11 Complete/4 In-Process

39 Complete Projects

The hired PEP Laborer workers will be helping the family to complete the housing project.

Former Senior Center Demolition Project:

According to ADEQ's email as of December 2, 2024: "We are wrapping up our "response to comments" to EPA. The corrections were minor and straight-forward so I expect a quick turnaround from EPA. Once that is done, then Sophie's team will schedule a site visit to sample the building materials. It will probably be another 45 days after that with the results and then we can meet and decide from the results what happens next; abatement from ADEQ funding or Teesto Chapter moving forward with demolition activities due to no exposure to regulated building materials".

I will be in contact with Travis Barnum, Brownfields Coordinator in February 2025.

Fiscal 2025 Six-Months Allocation:

Navajo Nation Office of Management & Budget has not issued the 6-months allocation to the Chapter. The Budget is approved by Division of Community Development/Administrative Service Center. Email has been sent to Toni Mina, ASO but no response.