

Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

Myron McLaughlin
PRESIDENT

David Yazzie, Jr.
VICE PRESIDENT

Cynthia Hunter
SECRETARY/TREASURER

Eugene Tso
COUNCIL DELEGATE

Oscar Bia
GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

April 20, 2020 – 4:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Review and Approval of Agenda
- V. Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- VI. Financial Report
- VII. Announcements:
 - a. Chinle Chapter limited Public Service Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. These hours are to provide essential services for the public to utilize the Transfer Station and Water Services. Limited hours are to ensure the safety and well-being of the trained administration personnel who have contact with the public.
 - Free water for human consumption is available at the Chapter warehouse where a 2,500 gallon tank is set up. At this time, water for livestock still needs to be paid for.
 - b. Mondays at 10:00 AM, Teleconference with Navajo Nation Incident Command Center, Office of the President and Vice-President, 110 Chapters are invited to listen in. Phone numbers and agenda for call-ins are emailed.
 - c. Thursdays at 9:00 AM, Teleconference with ASC and Chinle Agency Chapters, information is emailed to participants.
 - d. Wednesdays and Sundays at 10:00 AM, Town Hall Meeting Live on Facebook with Navajo Nation President, Jonathan Nez, Vice-President, Myron Lizer and Executive Staff on COVID-19
 - e. Temporary two-week shutdown of NECA Construction Operations from April 13, 2020 to April 24, 2020. Situation will be re-assessed on April 23, 2020 to determine if construction operations will continue.
 - f. 57 hour curfew begins Friday at 8:00 PM and will last throughout the weekend and ending at 5:00 AM on Monday, throughout the month of April 2020. Please stay home and be vigilant.
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business:
 - a. CHIN-APR-20-014: Funding request from the Corporation for National and Community Service through the FY 2020 AmeriCorps Tribes Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in the amount of \$247,664.00 for the Chinle Chapter AmeriCorps Program. *Sponsor, Tyrone Begay*
 - b. CHIN-APR-20-015: Approving Budget changes to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets for the Chinle Chapter Government. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
- X. Reports
 - a. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
 - b. Chapter Officials
 - c. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official
- XI. Adjournment

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MINUTES

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 4:00 PM
- II. INVOCATION** by David Yazzie, Chapter Vice-President
- III. ROLL CALL** – Call-Ins present were Myron McLaughlin, David Yazzie, Tamra Brown, Walton Yazzie, Tyrone Begay, Daryane Begay, Michael Dohi, Cynthia Hunter, Oscar Bia then joined in at 4:20 PM by Eugene Tso and JoAnn Dedman
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to Accept Agenda by David Yazzie, Second by Tyrone Begay
VOTES: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions
- V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES** by Cynthia Hunter
Motion to Accept Last Meeting Minutes by Tamra Brown, Second by Michael Dohi
VOTES: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT** by Cynthia Hunter
Motion to Accept Agenda by Walton Yazzie, Second by Daryane Begay
VOTES: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions
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Myron McLaughlin, is the water for livestock still available at the Chapter?
Walton Yazzie, Manuelito Well is now set up for water hauling for livestock consumption
Myron McLaughlin, So the only water being paid for is at the Chapter? Will they provide additional tanks?
Walton Yazzie, No, water sales is closed at the Chapter because livestock water is available at Manuelito Well and drinking water is available by the warehouse, so we are only handling the transfer station payments at the Chapter. We are getting still getting calculations and they may be pulling two tanks, one from Kayenta and the other from Dilkon because there is no one manning them, they are talking about bringing it to Chinle Chapter
 - b. *Mondays at 10:00 AM, Teleconference with Navajo Nation Incident Command Center, Office of the President and Vice-President, 110 Chapters are invited to listen in. Phone numbers and agenda for call-ins are emailed. State of the Nation Address was completed LIVE on Facebook today as well.*
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- VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **CHIN-APR-20-014: FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH THE FY 2020 AMERICORPS TRIBES GRANT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$247,664.00 FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER AMERICORPS PROGRAM.** *Sponsor, Tyrone Begay*

Motion by Tamra Brown, Second by Daryane Begay

Tyrone Begay, This is a support resolution to be attached to the Grant Application for submittal, for the Corporation for National and Community Service, this is a new grant cycle for AmeriCorps program for Chinle Chapter. We are currently at our final year of the three year cycle. We are having to reapply and by reapplying for the new grant cycle we are re-competing with everyone from the United States. One of the requirement for the Grant Application is to have documentation from the Grantee which is the Chapter, I am requesting this support resolution to you all for presentation and to have it passed so it can be attached to the Grant Application. At this point we are requesting to operate year four of the AmeriCorps Program for \$247,664.00 chapter does provide match we are required at a minimum to provide twenty six percent. Chapter has met that threshold and above, we are looking at twenty-four corps members again, eight (8) full time and sixteen (16) part-time for this grant cycle for year four. Our focus will continue to be on manpower request for the community, then also address wellness issues, combating obesity and diabetes in conjunction with working with the wellness program that the chapter has. There is one corrections needed on the resolution in the Whereas 3. strike out the word "the"

3. The Chinle Chapter has provided enrichment to 72 individuals through the its initial Grant Cycle and we are looking to expand the horizons, career outlook and assistance of the local community and surrounding communities; and

Walton Yazzie Motions to amend the resolution and strike out "the", Second by Michael Dohi

VOTES ON AMENDMENT: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

VOTES on Main Motion: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

- b. **CHIN-APR-20-015: APPROVING BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGETS FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT.** *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*

Motion by Tyrone Begay, Second by Daryane Begay

Walton Yazzie, I can read through the budget changes requested:

- 2. Reallocate Fund 03 (Land Claims Trust Fund) \$1,500.00 from Internet Service into Electric Expense; and \$1,000 into Natural Gas/Propane, **total amount \$2,500.00***
- 3. Reallocate Fund 09 (Housing Discretionary Fund) \$14,596.60 from Financial Assistance into Salaries-Temporary; \$906 into FICA; and \$212.55 into Medicare, **total amount \$15,715.15***
- 4. Reallocate Fund 23 (Sales Tax Fund) **\$2,500.00** from Audit Fees/Expenses into EE Group Insurance*
- 5. Reallocate Fund 29 (Chapter Projects Fund) **\$6,000** from Bathroom Addition into Chapter Renovation, this is to reallocate money to accommodate any changes that need to be made at this time*
- 6. Reallocate Fund 40 (Unhealthy Food Tax Fund) \$5,000 from Other Professional Fees into Operating Supplies; \$5,000 into Purchases- Food, **total amount of \$10,000.00** for safety precautions to make sure funds are available for more PPE*

VOTES: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

X. REPORTS:

- a. **Eugene Tso, Council Delegate:** *I am attending the Navajo Nation Council session at this moment and thanks everyone for helping one another during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We have been meeting and had wanted to cancel the Spring Session however, the Navajo Nation President vetoed our Legislation to cancel. Now, we are looking at funds that may be used for the Covid-19 issues. I will let LDA, Joann Dedman add to this report in the meantime I will go back to the Council session.*

JoAnn Dedman, to add to Eugene's report, he did sponsor a legislation postponing the chapter election, however it failed at 12-8 on that legislation. Navajo Board of Elections are looking to extend the filing date by 60 days so people will not be able to submit their applications until June 2020. Navajo Board of Election Supervisors will meet Wednesday, they were in favor of postponing up to one year. Another legislation Delegate Tso sponsored was the Committee of One, instead of bi-weekly meetings to consolidate everything into one because he is from a large community and cannot keep updated on other committee actions. He will be reintroducing legislation again without "Covid-19" and "Emergency: legislation.

- b. **Walton Yazzie, Chapter Manager**, Navajo-Hopi relief fund training is completed with 5 AmeriCorps members and Michael. Tomorrow we are getting delivery of \$20,000 worth of food to be given out on Thursday, this package has to be applied for – form has been emailed to you. \$5,000 worth can be given to elderly in our community that we know of. This is our first run, we received approval Sunday at 7:30 pm, \$50,000 will be given after we learn to package and distribute, thereafter we will get \$50,000 every week for four weeks.

Water points completed, construction water was completed Friday, water was tested and filled and ready for today. Not sure how many people got water today, the drinking water is still open today.

Food bank, we will oversee Chinle, Nazlini, Cottonwood and Many Farms for relief funds. Delegate Carl Slater will handle his chapters, they are not set up yet. We offered to help but Mr. Slater stated they would be able to handle this.

Americorps we brought back more corps members to work, more training is done to keep the workers on. We do not want to complete home delivery, we can have people come in to pick up after contacting by phone. Certain days, we will have certain people come in so we don't have a line.

Amount of funds we have used so far has been emailed to you – up to April 17th \$42,271.24 was spent, most is labor and wages, equipment is vehicle usage. We still get PPE request for gloves and masks, masks are delayed because it is late and arriving until Wednesday.

Snacks and drinks are provided to workers for helping out with Navajo-Hopi relief funds distribution. Water, gloves and masks will be given to helpers.

Lianna's flyer, was emailed to Tyrone – this is information on how to file and where to call to assist older people that do not have internet, phone and transportation to pick up food.

We did attend a meeting today with IHS, they assume the positive cases will probably increase by this month and many asymptomatic people are out and about, so they are not looking at this slowing down until June or July. They will work with us on PPE gear, Chinle is still not a hotspot they say to stay away from Pinon, Lukachukai and Chilchinbeto.

Budget transfer is just to make sure we have funds available now then later.

Myron McLaughlin, most of the ones that don't need help are the ones that are here first, so we need to make sure the ones that are needing help get help. Asymptomatic are spreading the virus and much training will take place on rapid testing. Staff please continue to follow CDC guidelines.

Protests at the state capital also might cause the virus to spread, unknown when date to reopen businesses but we need to stay cautious.

c. **Chapter Officials:**

LDA, JoAnn Dedman, I went to speedway to retrieve a receipt, there is a sign that nobody can enter without face masks and elderly are being turned away. How can we help the general public to get face masks? With this peaking until July, can we support Mr. Tso's legislation on postponing the elections?

David Yazzie, this is a good initiative because we do not want people to infect one another

Myron McLaughlin, this is a good suggestion since it is postponed to 60 days, will Delegate Tso redo the legislation?

Eugene Tso, I will introduce after 60 days and push this again. It will be up to Melvin Harrison and his committee.

- d. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official**, I have been staying home or herding sheep. There is not much going on, there are no calls and no one has said anything about any disputes. I did my rounds checking on windmills, there was a complaint about fencing inside the canyon, I checked to see if it was increased in size but it does not seem to be worked on. There was a report of a horse stuck in fencing but it is wild and has no brand so we could not do anything about that. When I see folks out, I convey information on taking care of oneself to make sure they are aware of the virus. Chinle Chapter's efforts to have water for human and livestock is very appreciated. I have seen a line at the transfer station, the trash services was getting a lot of business today. We are hopeful that the information conveyed is being adhered to and hopeful that the virus leaves. By the time the virus is gone perhaps people will recognize the land and environment challenges and changes.

Myron McLaughlin, let me know who needs masks so that I may have my wife sew one for you. We need to work together and help one another, the ones the chapter received are for the workers and are only for so many hours of use. Chinle Chapter administration, my hats off to you for doing what you can to help your community. Other chapters that I requested funds from are now open at least twice a week. Navajo-Hopi relief fund is free but I really want our staff to take care of themselves.

Cynthia Hunter, When do we suppose the Planning Meeting will be for the Month of May?

Myron McLaughlin, it will be scheduled on the normal planning meeting day of the 4th, at 5:00 PM.

Eugene Tso, rumors are that there is a situation with Guy Gorman's Nursing Home, that it will be closed, I heard from other Delegates but not officially from Mr. Wayne Claw so I don't know exactly what is happening there.

Walton Yazzie, the workers are not getting paid and Navajo Nation is not writing out checks, the workers have been working for free since this began and the Navajo Nation was supposed to process checks. In reference to masks, I would like to ask Tyrone Begay to set up a donation online - can we ask for donation of homemade masks for elderly?

Myron McLaughlin, it is the material that is hard to come by but my wife can donate some masks, I work 4/10's now Monday thru Thursday so I can help Friday.

Eugene Tso, we can donate homemade ones too

Walton Yazzie, we have to go through training in order to help out, if you guys want to help I can try to set up another training next week.

Michael Dohi, can we to try to lower the amount of people that enter Bashas?

Myron McLaughlin, the funny thing is that Bashas was still open during the lockdown enticing people to come out.

David Yazzie, according to the Navajo Nation President, this was open only for essential business workers

Walton Yazzie, we were told that if you do not agree with something in the Chinle Service Area you have to write to the Command Center and write out a complaint for them to work on, we attended that meeting with Michael so he should already be aware of this.

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 5:38 PM

Adjournment Motioned by Eugene Tso, Second by Tamra Brown

VOTES: 11 in Favor and 0 Opposed

Chapter Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2020 is respectfully completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Cynthia Hunter
04/20/2020