

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

August 21, 2020 – 1:00 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. Executive Order No. 009-20: Executive Order Related to Navajo Nation State of Emergency Due to the Coronavirus; Resuming Services of Navajo Nation Government Offices and Related Entities.
 - b. Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-021: Rescinding the Stay at Home (Shelter in Place) Public Health Emergency Orders and Implementing a "Safer at Home" Public Health Emergency Order, Restating the Requirements for "Drive-in" Gatherings, Restating the daily and weekend curfew hours, and Reminding Visitors and Tourists Not to Travel to the Navajo Nation.
 - c. The provisions of Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-019 (August 6, 2020) remain in effect regarding daily curfew hours from 9:00 P.M. MDT to 5:00 A.M. MDT and the 32-hour time periods for the partial lockdown weekends of August 22-24, 2020, and August 29-31, 2020. All individuals shall be at home during curfew hours, except in the event of an emergency.
 - d. The next monthly Planning Meeting for the Chinle Chapter Government is scheduled for Monday, September 07, 2020 at 5:30 PM which is also the Labor Day Holiday.
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business:
 - a. CHIN-AUG-20-029: Supporting Navajo Nation Council Legislation 0197-20, Approving and Adopting the Navajo Nation CARES Fund Chapter Distribution Expenditure Plan to benefit the 110 Chapters across the Navajo Nation in the amount of \$90 Million Dollars. *Sponsor, Tyrone Begay*
 - b. CHIN-AUG-20-030: Approving Budget Changes to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets for the Chinle Chapter Government. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
 - c. CHIN-AUG-20-031: Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 General Funds, Land Claims Trust Funds and Scholarship Funds Budget in the amount of \$492,416.00. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
 - d. CHIN-AUG-20-032: Requesting NTUA Wireless to perform a feasibility study for the most suitable location of a proposed telecommunications tower in the community of Del Muerto, Arizona. *Sponsor,*
- X. Reports
 - a. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official
 - b. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
 - c. Chapter Officials
- XI. Adjournment

CHINLE CHAPTER MEETING
August 21, 2020 – 1:00 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 1:11 PM

II. INVOCATION by David Yazzie

III. ROLL CALL:

Myron McLaughlin	present
David Yazzie	called in / present
Cynthia Hunter	present
Walton Yazzie	present
Tyrone Begay	called in / present
Tamra Brown	called in / present
Michael Dohi	present
Oscar Bia	present
Eugene Tso	Absent
JoAnn Dedman	Absent
Tishawna Spencer	called in / present
Lianna Shorty	called in / present

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda by Tyrone Begay, Second by Tamra Brown

VOTES: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Accept Last Meeting Minutes by Oscar Bia, Second by Tishawna Spencer

VOTES: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion to Accept Financial Report by Oscar Bia, Second by Tamra Brown

VOTES: 8 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **CHIN-AUG-20-029: SUPPORTING NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION 0197-20, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NAVAJO NATION CARES ACT FUND CHAPTER DISTRIBUTION EXPENDITURE PLAN TO BENEFIT THE 110 CHAPTERS ACROSS THE NAVAJO NATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90 MILLION DOLLARS.** *Sponsor, Tyrone Begay*
Motion by Tamra Brown, Second by Walton Yazzie
Tyrone Begay, Legislation was dropped by Delegate Freeland and is currently on the five day comment. The intent is the Navajo Nation President Line Item Vetoed several legislations, the \$90M CARES Act funds allocated using 50/50 formula to Chapters, we would get \$1.8M we can get this signed and presented as comment/support of the 5 day comment. We do have proposals that can benefit when we get a share of these benefits.
VOTES: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions
- b. **CHIN-AUG-20-030: APPROVING BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGETS FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT.** *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
Motion by Tyrone Begay, Second by Oscar Bia
03 Land Claims
 \$ 711.47 Telephone Expense
 \$ 5.43 Bank Service Charges
 \$ 267.31 Natural Gas/Propane
 \$ 984.21 TOTAL into Water Expense
23 Sales Tax Fund
 \$ 2,685.85 Land Improvement
 \$ 7,453.54 Matching Funds
 \$ 10,489.65 TOTAL into Water Expense
29 Chapter Project Funds
 \$5,000.00 Chapter Renovation
 \$14,628.95 Infrastructure/Land Improvement
 \$19,628.95 TOTAL into Infrastructure Bathroom Addition
Myron McLaughlin, much of this will be for payment for water usage
VOTES: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions
- c. **CHIN-AUG-20-031: APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 GENERAL FUNDS, LAND CLAIMS TRUST FUNDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$492,416.00.** *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
Motion by Oscar Bia, Second by Tyrone Begay
Myron McLaughlin, this budget is for the new FY 2021 Fiscal Year
VOTES: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions
- d. **CHIN-AUG-20-032: REQUESTING NTUA WIRELESS TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE MOST SUITABLE LOCATION OF A PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN THE COMMUNITY OF DEL MUERTO, ARIZONA.** *Sponsor, David Yazzie*
Motion by Oscar Bia, Second by Tamra Brown
David Yazzie, right now Choice Wireless needs a resolution to get this process started.
VOTES: 9 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions

X. REPORTS:

- a. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official**
Grazing and Agency Meetings for this month have been completed, I also set up and attended one p\Permittee m\Meeting
Branding completed in seven places. I usually need only four people to help me brand (2 in the corral, 1 brand handler, and the owner).

I checked into an illegal branding with Rangers, a calf was branded illegally, the brand was done over the old brand so we find that the calf was stolen. We wanted to confiscate the branding irons, we did request the person turn in the branding irons since it is not one from my brands. A two inch pipe was cut and used, the one that stole and brand the calf was identified and confronted.

In a different case I found that a family branded and told others that I permitted them to brand their own cattle. This is not allowed, I reported this to Department of Ag and I will follow up and see what they say.

Also in a different case I was told that I allowed fencing to be put up inside a grazing area, this was not true.

Tallying are scheduled and will be completed

Land Dispute South of Airport, I discussed this with BIA, we issued letters to two families because we found that both have no land permits. Fence posts are to be removed, letter sent also to BIA. Families mentioned that Eugene did not do his job according to the law, I mentioned that Eugene is no longer the grazing official that he was now the Council Delegate.

A report that old junk cars were dragged into the wash by a person who was identified, he was confronted and ordered to have him remove those.

Illegal trash dumping on the rise at several places even though there is a lockdown in place.

Windmills 10-3 was fixed, as windmills are being fixed families are claiming them, I had to cut a lock off on that a family padlocked for their use only, I told the families to share. I did report that another windmill was fixed, that is the one with trash in the water tank, the trash was not cleaned and it filled with water, I had to report the contaminated water. I also reported that a fixed windmill was running, the water was about ½ way and someone shot the tank and now it has a leak, I temporarily fixed this, it needs welding.

Windmill 10-4 in Nazlini was fixed as well, 6 more windmills are scheduled to be replaced and fixed, these are the ones approved to be fixed.

Homesite lease was approved for seven families, one already had a survey and archaeological clearance completed. I went out there and was taking the gps and I noticed that it is a ceremonial site (spiritual site) where there was a ceremony done so I did not approve this. Archaeologist and surveyor were to be notified by the homeowner, homeowner did not see the individuals working at the site, this afternoon the site will be moved.

Water regulations, windmills do operate by laws, 200 gallons is allowed per individual, people are taking more and there is no one to enforce this. There are many disputes, a family claimed one artesian well that was being fenced in this might have to be capped off because vehicles line up at 2:00 AM for water and we found that one individual takes 4,000 gallons. We will talk about this to see if it can be capped off and if this is capped off it can not be reopened.

Chinle Chapter purchased a calf table and panels for my job. I am very thankful for this because it really makes my job easier especially if I have no help, one place I was able to brand with only a grandma watching, I did this alone so thank you.

b. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate - absent

c. Chapter Officials

Cynthia Hunter: 1. NECA will complete a test strip on September 17, 2020 and if the test strip is approved paving should begin on September 21, 2020. The roundabout is still being worked on but the traffic is using it, it's all coming together. 2. Covid numbers are down in the teens and hopefully we keep the numbers low. 3. I am curious about who the candidates are for the Chinle Chapter, I did read on the Navajo Times that there is a lawsuit filed because there was no primary election. 4. Also, we did talk about the two cell companies at the Planning Meeting and we did not receive any word back from them.

Myron McLaughlin, I reached out to Cell One the funding they were depending on was line item vetoed. Deswood Begay mentioned there was an Environmental Assessment conducted for the gravel site, he cannot locate it and if they can get the assessment they do not have to spend extra funds but focus on building the tower, he wants to get the EA as soon as possible.

Del Muerto and Choice Wireless, I have not talked with the Manager but was informed by another person that Choice Wireless does need a support letter/resolution so they can begin the process. They have to start from square one, Deswood is a little ahead because gravel site has been disturbed.

NECA – I drove the roundabout last night, it was nice and lit up and is coming together, our solar street light project on Route 7 should also be lighting up soon.

I would like to graciously thank the Chinle Chapter Staff for going above and beyond working long hours and long days, it was nice to see people here early, my heartfelt appreciation to all for working hard.

Election – we can give an opportunity for candidates to call in maybe give them five minutes to introduce themselves and give us their platform. Curfew is again this weekend and next weekend.

David Yazzie, Light-Up Navajo has begun and will run two more weeks.

Walton Yazzie, I did get the list of candidates and David Yazzie for VP is the only new one on the list we had earlier

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 2:30 PM

Adjournment Motioned by Michael Dohi, Second by Tamra Brown

VOTES: 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 Abstained

Chinle Chapter Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2020 is respectfully completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Cynthia Hunter
08/21/2020

Chinle Chapter Government
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 08/21/2020 ☐ Planning Meeting ☒ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

1. President: <u><i>Myriel</i></u>	21. _____
2. Vice President: <u><i>David</i></u>	22. _____
3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u><i>Debra Hunter</i></u>	23. _____
4. Grazing Official: <u><i>BO</i></u>	24. _____
5. Council Delegate: _____	25. _____
6. <u><i>AK</i></u>	26. _____
7. <u><i>Walt</i></u>	27. _____
8. <u><i>Jamie Brown</i></u>	28. _____
9. <u><i>Liana Shorty</i></u>	29. _____
10. <u><i>Tishawna Spencer</i></u>	30. _____
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