

# CHINLE CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING (TELECONFERENCE)

January 04, 2021 – 5:30 PM

## MINUTES

### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 5:39 PM

#### ROLL CALL:

#### PRESENT

#### ABSENT

Eugene Tso, Council Delegate	XX	
Myron McLaughlin, Chapter President	XX	
David Yazzie, Chapter Vice President	XX	
Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer	XX	
Oscar Bia, Grazing Official	XX	
Walton Yazzie, Chapter Manager	XX	
Joann Dedman, LDA	XX	
Illeen Thomas, Office Assistant	XX	
RoAnn Burbank, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer	XX	
Tishawna Spencer, Acting Project Coordinator	XX	

### II. INVOCATION by Myron McLaughlin, Chapter President

### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### Motion to Accept Agenda by Cynthia Hunter, Second by Oscar Bia

Eugene Tso, new elected officials, are they fluent in Navajo? I usually have my speech in Navajo, I request to add to the Agenda a Broadband proposal for Del Muerto from NTUA to request funds. We will put this into a resolution and present this at this month's chapter meeting.

David Yazzie, attach the approved support resolution for Choice Wireless which was passed two months ago also the letter and add to the packet, this is documentation that the Broadband is direly needed.

**Votes to Approve Agenda: 4 in Favor, Chair not Voting**

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chinle Chapter's next Regular Monthly Meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM.
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- Inauguration for the 2020 Chapter Elections will be set for January 06, 2021 at 10:00 AM, All newly elected officials shall report to their local government for this event.

### V. Community Concerns: None

### VI. REPORTS

#### a. Walton Yazzie, Chapter Manager:

We are in the process of renewing a contract with PAE, workers at the Chinle Community Center will be approved up to July 31, 2021 for ten workers to work there. We just need to input final numbers, Ms. Jumbo-Fitch can sign the contract if it is not completed by tomorrow. \$14,000 was added to cover backpay for individuals that were on quarantine, their hospital statements will also need to be attached.

We are receiving shipments all week and I am not really sure how much. Navajo Nation is lacking drivers so we pick up our own stuff. We do distribute PPE kits on Mondays and Tuesdays to the community, these from the Navajo-Hopi Covid relief. This is a bag with several items such as face masks, 500 wipes with hand sanitizer, we began at distribution at 1:00 pm today.

Food shipments will cover three areas, Lukachukai, Round Rock and Rock Point on Navajo-Hopi distribution side

Grants to apply for, we will sit down with Tyrone and we can pursue \$90M which is available for students 14 to 24 years of age to work at our area for construction. We will see if this is feasible, right now we have 8 PEP on board, 12 AmeriCorp and regular staff here.

Navajo-Hopi gave us a vehicle which you may have seen parked out here it is a small delivery truck, another procurement is being worked on for a pick up truck since Navajo Nation did not fulfill our request. It will be a 2020 or 2021 vehicle to use at the Chapter since we have been helping them out alot.

We will set a meeting with new officials and administration staff to make sure we get legislations across on Sales Tax, update on Projects, legislation on Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance (UUFb), request funds for Chinle Chapter being designated Point of Delivery (POD), Chapters we are delivering to have been helping out with gas money, we will draft a letter for Ms. Jumbo and get together to see if the incoming officials will want us to continue as POD. We need a date to meet for these discussions and see what direction they can point us to, let us know of their goals and plans for Chinle Chapter.

I am not a person to ask for permission to get things done, I always just take on the task but you will need to provide guidance on this. I need to find out who my Supervisor will be by tomorrow.

Chinle Chapter is open on a daily basis, closed through lunch hours, busy Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so a good time to meet will be on Tuesday which is a time when things slow down and is low time for me to work on and complete my reports.

**David Yazzie**, on the new contract with PAE can you request for a pay raise for the guys?

**Walton Yazzie**, I did meet with PAE from 1-3 today, we talked about \$17 per hour for employees, 2 Supervisors will earn \$19 - \$20 per hour. I will turn in all the paperwork, workers can make up to 160 hours on payroll. Conference call is scheduled for 9:00 AM tomorrow to go over wages and sick leave, and if a person is placed on quarantine then that would be paid for.

- b. **Eugene Tso, Council Delegate** – today we attended a meeting with NTUA on broadband for the Del Muerto Community. We also attended a meeting on Title 2, Navajo Nation Government reform where new officers were selected and the Law and Order Committee will decide on Chief Justice position which has expired.

Legislation 309-20, regarding DCD chapter heavy equipment to pursue Navajo Nation Council 2501 to 2508, \$1M is requested, meeting was held and forward to NABI, these are discussion on some things that the chapters requested for under CARES Act. Everything needs to be ready for the auditor which is on sight, Chinle Chapter Backhoe was included but not the pick-up truck so we went back and included this request.

Vaccine, five Council Delegates were called, these were ones that were over 60 years old, I was included and we went to GIMC to get the Covid-19 Pfizer vaccination, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January we will get the other booster.

A lot of broadband reports were provided by NTUA, there is a request for more locations, we need help by District Grazing Official to identify sites for towers. We want to try and get this done, the project is estimated at \$1M.

Committee of One Legislation, we will need to make changes and resubmit. Our argument is because Chinle is a development area, the only oversight I have is on Law and Order Committee which is located on the east side here pertaining to the Correction Center and nothing else. Chain of command if anyone has issues pertaining to anything else in Chinle they would have to go to RDC, HESC and I have no relapse, they cannot come to me because I have no oversight.

Watershed, irrigation canals and washbed were being talked about before the pandemic hit. We are trying to push the next two years on where we can start, the most expensive will be the drainage system for Chinle. My plans are for the water from the hospital area to be drained underground into washes, there will be much flooding due to the buildings being raised and placing homes in the flood area. These are projects I would like to push.

School and students, we will be drafting legislation for summer youth funds, this we will be pushing right now.

**JoAnn Dedman**, We did meet with NTUA today on Del Muerto community telecommunications tower, they claim they never received their documents the chapter passed, we will need those documents and resolutions to be included to justify what we would like to do. I would appreciate the documents be forward as soon as

possible and will need David Yazzies help, because I do not know if the site has been withdrawn? We would also need a delegation of authority of who is in charge when Walton is out of the office, today I needed information and there was no direction on who I could turn to for help.

CARES Act extension was approved up to 12/31/2021 but Navajo Nation did not do the same. All funds have been reverted to Hardship, I am not sure when checks will go out. The estimate cost of the tower is \$1M, we asked how other towers were, we were told all towers have been upgraded and should provide better service. I will compile information for this resolution and will have a draft copy for the upcoming chapter meeting.

**Eugene Tso**, in reference to Hardship, checks should be going out this week and next week. We were told that there were so many thousands of applications.

c. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official:**

Appreciates working with outgoing officials and during the time I served with them I have learned a lot. Right now I have only a few things to report but I will complete my report at the next Regular Chapter meeting.

I have continued visiting homesites, recently I visited a home where they were butchering a horse.

One land dispute was reported, this was due to a homesite being built on another persons approved lease area. A different site was selected so this was resolved.

One archaeological site was discovered where a homesite lease was requested, the request was not approved and was removed for a homesite, the individuals have not got back with me yet.

Another homesite was good to go and will get electricity soon, the family was very appreciative.

Ft. Defiance NTUA called me in reference to the Manuelito Well. They want me to check to see if there are any permittees on the site, a land consent will need to be signed for the well site. They did a good job installing fencing, sidewalk, camera, pump, etc.

My job ends at 5:00 PM tomorrow, I will put everything on Hold and rest one day then will resume my responsibilities until after I am officially sworn in. I served about 2 years as grazing official by this was by appointment by the community, since I was elected then I will finally be official for this term.

ROW on Highway 191, livestock in roadway is always reported. As I was chasing horses out of the right of way an individual stopped me and asked why I was chasing her horse that it belonged to her. I explained to her that this pertains to my job and the horses were in the right of way, there is no brand to prove that it belonged to her. I continued chasing the horses out of the ROW to avoid any collisions and prevent accidents.

BIA Ben Begay has retired he called me to let me know, I offered to take his position but he said it was too complicated.

I have been working for over 2 years with the current officials, the incoming officials are all women, I look forward to working with them for four more years. We worked well and thank you to the departing officials, but we will continue working together. I will take my oath of office and be sworn in in two days.

d. **Myron McLaughlin, Chapter President:** Just want to thank everyone for working well together for the last four years and hopefully the projects will continue to worked on by the new officials.

e. **David Yazzie, Chapter Vice-President:** Also want to thank outgoing officials for working together for the last four years. The next project is the watering point – people will be able to prepay which is good for our community, Solar lights are needed on N7 please make sure this project is pushed, Del Muerto tower site will be at the water tank, this is already withdrawn and belongs to NTUA. I also thank NECA and appreciate N27 completion. New officials and staff, keep working on sales tax for the future improvement of Chinle.

f. **Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer:** Just like the other two officials I do not have a report but would also like to say thank you. I have served two terms, eight years with Chinle Chapter, during this time I have learned a lot and got to know many community members and administrative staff. Spending time together you become a family, you have a much closer connection and it is hard for me to except the news of the recent passing of one of our former administrative assistants Daryane Begay. I appreciate working closely with the staff, Walton, Tyrone, Melissa, Ileen, Michael, Tishawna, Daryane, they became like my children. So thank you to everyone and congratulations to the incoming officials who are all women, I have no doubt they will do a great job I know Rosanna is outspoken, Shawna has served as CLUPC member and knows the chapter operations

and I have been showing RoAnn what I have learned so far. I will be around, I plan to still be involved with the chapter as far as attending meetings. Thank you again.

**Myron McLaughlin**, thank you for your words and as a community you get to know plenty of people and become a family and work together. Please help the family of Daryane as much as possible, this young lady had children and she was supporting her girls. Perhaps next year or in the near future we can once again have an open environment. I also can still help with any questions, attend meetings, help the community and we all have a common goal to better our community, I will be in Chinle Chapter on Wednesday to watch the swearing in.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. CHIN-JAN-21-001: Approving the evaluation of implementation process data from the Yéego! Healthy Eating & Gardening study to be submitted as a thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the University of Washington's Master of Public Health degree. Sponsor, Heather Wilcox

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**Heather Wilcox**, I am working with a research team, school based curriculum on a garden for youth to study and grown their own vegetables. We are interested in Tsaille and Shiprock communities, to do an analysis of implementation process on the two schools. Navajo Nation Review Board had approved all evaluation activities, I will be doing larger studies and use the evaluation on my Masters thesis, CUSD and Central consolidated school systems have supported by resolution and I would like Chinle and Shiprock Chapters to also do resolutions.

**Myron McLaughlin**, I would like to request that when you complete your project please provide an update and forward a copy of your studies to Chinle Chapter.

**Eugene Tso**, in regards to the legislation, the heading should coincide with "Now Therefore Be It Resolved"

**Myron McLaughlin**, I will leave this up to the incoming officials, they may request the changes because all we do is approve or support and it is good to have attachments as Exhibits. Also, make sure you request for documents a few days before the actual meeting so that you have time to review them, maybe Rosanna would like to make this request.

**Eugene Tso**, Please add the resolution requesting us to complete the broadband proposal of Del Muerto.

**Cynthia Hunter**, I am confused, do you mean a resolution "Supporting" the broadband proposal for the Del Muerto site.

**Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch**, I would like to request documents a week before the meeting to review and have it ready.

**Myron McLaughlin**, you are the Chapter President now so it is up to you

**Eugene Tso**, I am requesting the legislation to request Joann and myself to complete the proposal so we may start the process.

**Shawna Claw**, in regards to the resolution for towers, it will need the feasibility study, the resolution passed for that study in order to keep it as a support resolution. I would like to ask research be completed by Tyrone or Walton to see if the land was withdrawn by NTUA for the water tanks.

**David Yazzie**, first resolution was for a feasibility study to be completed by Choice Wireless, we need gps coordinates for the site and use supporting resolution to get tower site studies, engineers will come out and do the studies, they already have the tank site.

**Eugene Tso**, we had a discussion on this, bottom line is NTUA to help and we are top priority, only thing is to get the \$1M, we know how to draft the resolution and we will forward it.

**Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch**, I would also like to request to include at the next meeting to get a funding/budget update, project update for new officials so we can review what projects are worked on.

**Shawna Claw**, earlier Walton talked about a vehicle purchase by Navajo-Hopi Covid Relief, this would need insurance.

**Myron McLaughlin**, so far there are four items to be added to the Agenda for the Regular Chapter Meeting:

- a. Resolution for Yeego Healthy Eating Study
- b. Del Muerto Broadband
- c. Financial Report Update
- d. Project Update, Items that need Work

**Walton Yazzie**, I just received a request for a Resolution for NDOT, it was just emailed to me, this is for Fuel Excise Tax (FET) for N8059, this needs a resolution for a proposal that was turned in six months ago. They will need to do a feasibility study to gravel the route working with Apache County.

**Myron McLaughlin**, there are five items for New Business motioned by David Yazzie, Second by Oscar Bia  
**Cynthia Hunter**, should Financial and Project Update Report be in a different category on the Agenda such as "Reports"?

**Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch**, leave open a couple line items for new projects that pop up and if there is already a Financial Report and Project Update Report we will not need to add them to New Business we can keep those where they are at.

**Myron McLaughlin**,

- a. Resolution for Yeego Healthy Eating Study
- b. Del Muerto Broadband
- c. N8059 Feasibility Study to Gravel the Route
- d. Open
- e. Open

**VOTES: 4 in Favor of moving the New Business Items to the Next Regular Chapter Meeting and Chair Not Voting**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT at 7:08 PM**

**Adjournment Motioned by Oscar Bia, Second by David Yazzie**

**VOTES: 4 in Favor, 0 Opposed**

Chinle Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chinle Chapter Secretary/Treasurer on Monday, January 04, 2021

*Cynthia Hunter 01/05/2021*

# Chinle Chapter Government

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**Myron McLaughlin**  
PRESIDENT

**David Yazzie, Jr.**  
VICE PRESIDENT

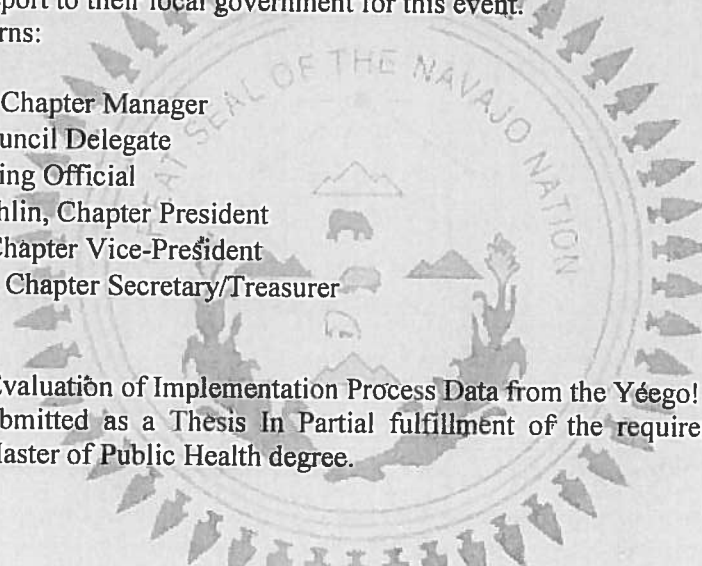
**Cynthia Hunter**  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

**Eugene Tso**  
COUNCIL DELEGATE

**Oscar Bia**  
GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

## REGULAR PLANNING MEETING Monday, January 04, 2021 – 5:30 PM

### AGENDA

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  - II. Invocation
  - III. Review and Approval of Agenda
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    - b.
    - c.
  - IX. Adjournment

*Chinle Chapter Government*  
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 01/04/2021    ☒ Planning Meeting    ☐ Regular Meeting    ☐ Special Meeting

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2. Vice President: <u><i>Kaid Haggie</i></u>	22. _____
3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u><i>Lynne Hunter</i></u>	23. _____
4. Grazing Official: <u><i>Cesar Bui</i></u>	24. _____
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