

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 PLANNING MEETING Monday, July 01, 2019 – 5:30 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Review and Approval of Agenda
- IV. Announcements
 - a. Chinle Chapter will be closed all day on Thursday, July 04, 2019 and Friday, July 05, 2019 in observance of Independence Day Holiday business will resume Monday, July 08, 2019.
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 - c. Chinle Chapter Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
 - d. Chinle Chapter is sponsoring the Chinle Agency Council, Saturday, July 13, 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM.
 - e. Chinle Chapter's Regular Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 1:00 PM.
 - f. The Draft 2020 TTIP Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter from 10:00 AM.
 - g. Chinle Land Use Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
 - h. Chinle Chapters' summer hours will conclude August 02, 2019, this means business hours will go back to its regular schedule from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and closed during lunch hours.
 - i. Chinle Chapter will sponsor the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee Meeting, Monday, July 29, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- V. Community Concerns:
 - a.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Dale Wolcott, Pastor SDA – Faith Based Radio Station
 - b. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
 - c. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official
 - d. Chapter Officials
- VII. Old Business – None
- VIII. New Business:
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- IX. Adjournment

CHINLE CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING

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MINUTES

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 5:42 PM

II. **INVOCATION** by Oscar Bia, Grazing Official

III. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to Accept Agenda by David Yazzie, Second by Oscar Bia

Valerie Allen, requests to be added to Agenda to request funds for Attorney fees to set up non-profit (501C3) for Veterans

Votes to Approve Agenda: 4 in Favor and 0 Opposed

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- j. Election office will be accepting voter registration beginning Monday, July 08, 2019. Voter registration was closed due to the special election.

V. **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND CONCERNS**

a. **Ruth Ann Begay of Valley Store**, I have approached the chapter before requesting assistance for irrigation issues. I will need a resolution to be sent to BIA in Window Rock to estimate the irrigation canal improvement. A culvert pipe that diverted water into the irrigation canals has washed away and we no longer get irrigation water for our farmlands. I am requesting a survey and estimate on the work that is needed to reestablish the irrigation. I was informed that the process was to first request at the chapter level and the resolution will be forwarded to Window Rock.

Myron McLaughlin, I have a meeting July 09, 2019 with the Farm Board in Nazlini where I will get more information for you, so this might have to go into the August Meeting. I will also request Oscar Bia, Grazing Official to be present at the Rough Rock Meeting to get more information as well.

Oscar Bia, I attended a meeting last month with Soil and Water Conservation at BIA, some discussion was on the irrigation and flooding. Chinle Chapter will need to establish a Farm Board in order for these requests to be strong. Question was how many people will continue farming and need the irrigation to be active, also to address the flooding issues. July 16th through 19th there is a meeting in Prescott, AZ in regards to the irrigation issues.

Ruth Ann Begay, there was a meter installed on a water pump and it ruined so we got funds together to replace the meter. The water is running now but I feel it is not adequate for farming. I will need your help to get our farmlands back, the families that live near me were still farming until we could not get any more water.

- b. **Valerie Allen, Veterans Organizations** – Regarding the Attorney Fee, I have been working on a non-profit status for Veterans and so far I have funded most of it on my own. A Non-Profit Organization will be established and an attorney will need to go over my work that I have completed, since this involves the IRS it would be best for the attorney to review my work. If not, I am afraid I might run into legal issues and I do not want that. \$2,795 is needed for the attorney fee, he will review my packet and complete any revisions, he is a non-profit attorney and has been doing this for 37 years working out of Albuquerque, NM. It is up to you as to which way you guys go and will continue to move this process forward. This is a Non-Profit going through the Arizona Corporation. **David Yazzie**, is this non-profit for Central Navajo Veterans Organization and Navajo Veterans Organization, legal zoom on-line? This organization has already been established, I still have the by-laws and membership, all this goes through State of Arizona. We had to go through the State, CNVO is chartered through the state. **Valerie Allen**, this attorney will continue to represent us after the payment is made and helps us get the Non-Profit Status.
- David Yazzie**, this legal zoom on-line will do the same thing
- Valerie Allen**, any attorney will not look at this status of non-profit it has to be an attorney that works specifically on Non-Profit. David Marmen is the Attorney of Albuquerque, NM that specializes in this.
- David Yazzie**, what is the organization name? Navajo Veteran Organization – there is already an organization by that name which is nation-wide.
- Valerie Allen**, who is heading that? Anytime you submit a selection using the name they make sure it is not already used.
- Myron McLaughlin**, since I took this office there have been many people requesting for funding. We have denied and we have a shortfall in our budget, we don't get to include such things in the budget, we have not been able to assist people with funds. I would like to do more research and get background information and see if the other organization is still in operation, this is something that needs more research.
- Valerie Allen**, 1-800-293-7490 is the number for David Marmen.
- Myron McLaughlin**, I should have feedback as soon as I get research completed.
- Valerie Allen**, after this we the Veterans Organization will pay any retention fees.
- Walton Yazzie**, I had explained that we can't just do sole source we have to go through procurement and we can't just pay a person, we have to advertise and go through procurement before writing checks.
- Myron McLaughlin**, I will need your phone number (207-518-3164 is my number), I will have an answer by tomorrow, 1:00 PM.
- JoAnn Dedman**, Many attorneys have to give something back, perhaps call the attorney to work pro-bono
- Valerie Allen**, I have searched for attorneys and the closest I got to the reservation is Albuquerque, NM.
- Myron McLaughlin**, I have an attorney friend that can look at your document
- Valerie Allen**, I need someone that specializes in non-profit
- Myron McLaughlin**, at this time the chapter does not have the budget to assist in this.
- Dale Wolcott**, I know an attorney in Prescott that specializes in non-profit organizations and he does work for outside organizations, he knows the non-profit business.

VI. REPORTS

- a. **Dale Wolcott, Pastor, SDA** – Faith Based Radio Station. I collaborated with Lorraine Whitehair, who retired from National Institute of Health. I have developed a proposed resolution and is in proper format.
- David Yazzie**, did you visit the Navajo Nation Telecommunications?
- Dale Wolcott**, not yet but I can visit before the chapter meeting and get information. First step we took was hire an \$800 consulting firm, we got a report that located the best possible places and feasibility for the frequency. There is a frequency available and they gave us a map, Yale Point had the largest reach as far as frequency. Tower on the North end had a lot of stuff with no room left on it, there was one on the South end fenced in with the logo KYAK (Gallup Radio Station). We went to RBDO and they said they only do land withdrawals and they could not help us. We will not be asking for funding from the Chapter or the Navajo Nation, it would be funded by the Affiliate Adventist World Radio. Would this require legislation?

b. **JoAnne Dedman for Eugene Tso, Council Delegate** – Mr. Tso is requesting:

- to schedule regular meetings once a week or bi-weekly to keep updated with projects, I did place memos in your boxes
- packets for the priority list of projects you gave him
- a copy of the Army Corps of Engineers study on flooding

He attended a meeting with Ron Haven, on the police training academy to move up on the LOC priority list. He suggested a support resolution be added to the Regular Meeting Agenda– Requesting for Sihhasin funding, many funded projects are still pending and only one is completed to date so the money has earned \$38M in interest;

He would like to write a joint letter on:

- the DES building, Walton Yazzie reported president has the packet and is not yet signed;
- Scattered BIA housing for development for other projects, he will need documents to schedule meeting with Bart Stevens. Most likely the old homes have asbestos,
- For the LOC Meeting on 7/29/2019 the committee will take a tour to see what services are available here;
- 08/15/2019 a major meeting will be held on flood control plan. A meeting is scheduled next week with National Director to Keisha Tatum, her boss will be in Flagstaff, they are requesting for committee members to be set to get the project off the ground.
- CLUPC requested an alternative bypass route, perhaps request at the public hearing on July 23, 2019 for this bypass route here in Chinle.
- At a meeting here July 13, NDOT Roads meeting, Marco Sells mentioned that when Arlando Teller was still with NDOT that funds were available to increase the road maintenance from 15 miles to 20 miles and this needs a chapter resolution. This will also need to be presented at the Agency Council.

Cynthia Hunter, we already have a resolution with 23rd Navajo Nation Council to place the Training Academy to #1 on the LOC Priority List

Myron McLaughlin, we will need to reaffirm the resolution with the 24th Navajo Nation Council

c. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official**, I am planning to meet with Permittees to see what is in their possession as far as state brands, permits, etc. Branding schedule will be with individual families others may join if it is near their area; livestock owners will have to come to a certain place for branding. There is already one scheduled, then I have attended Agency Council Meetings and District 10 Meetings. I get requests on land use permits, homesite lease and some people don't understand me, I try to explain the bylaw and rules. My oath is about one month old, I took oath of office on June 11th, I signed applications for homesite leases and so far have not got any complaints. People ask for meetings with grazing and ask for certain things like what Ms. Ruth Ann Begay brought up. Today I talked with the Manager of Chinle Chapter, he gave me a temporary gps, questions on status of projects with BIA. Eugene Tso also requested windmill status and to see if they can be fixed. I was considering writing to Apache County to see if they can fill the tanks with water because near my home many livestock perish to dehydration. There is no water available for livestock, so windmills will need to be fixed.

Walton Yazzie, At Division of Natural Resources Summit it was mentioned \$17M is available and Tuba City took advantage of these funds and spent \$1.3M on solar windmills.

Myron McLaughlin, a resolution to request for funding will be placed in New Business for the Chapter Meeting

Oscar Bia, July 9th there will be sale set up, unbranded horses can be voluntarily brought in for \$100.

Walton Yazzie, the Navajo Nation has done this before, people voluntarily take unbrand horses in and Navajo Nation gives \$50 for each horse.

Oscar Bia, I will continue going to trainings for livestock inspection.

d. **Myron McLaughlin, Chapter President**: DNR summit was the same as last year. We asked about the 750 buffer zone and they will get back to us no later than Friday. We will also continue talks and plans with the Army National Guard to set up here in Chinle.

Walton Yazzie, Year 3 AmeriCorps Grant is approved in the amount of \$243,000, after this we will have to reapply and compete with all tribes again.

NTEC, wanted us to find 3 acres to store coal and sell from here. Designer will need to place tarps and situate the area for coal storage. NTEC will help with funds for Youth Day and NTEC will also help with Senior Day during the Navajo Nation Fair

I will need Five (5) names from each Chapter Official for powerline extensions, they have to live close to the powerline

VII. OLD BUSINESS - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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Recommendation is to change the name to Oscar Bia

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Betty Rose Draper, I will be working on food changes inside the schools as far as vending machines. We need to educate children on health foods and challenges.

- c. Approving a land withdrawal of 1.21± acres for Taylor's Affordable Towing, LLC. Business Site along US Highway 191, west of mile marker 454.2 on Route 841A. *Sponsor, Elbert Taylor*

Myron McLaughlin, I will be working with Leonard Francisco of Ft. Defiance RBDO due to conflict of interest with Chinle RBDO. Mr. Francisco will send the draft resolution on this business.

Oscar Bia, that property has that been approved for business site? Grazing Official has to sign that first and then after that the land withdrawal.

Myron McLaughlin, the land consent was signed by the former and the delegated Grazing Official, this will continue to come up and I will go with Mr. Francisco's draft resolution once it is sent. The other resolutions for the upcoming Chapter meeting will be:

- d. Proposed resolution supporting the FM Radio Station.
e. Requesting Navajo Nation Council and Office of the President and Vice President to seek and approve funding for horse roundups.
f. Requesting LOC to move Training Academy up on their Priority List
g. Requesting NDOT to increase road maintenance from 15 miles to 20 miles
h. Requesting RDC to relinquish NPS land, waive the moratorium for the Vendor Village Project.
i. Resolution reaffirming the Old Paul Tso site as prime land for development

VOTES: 4 in Favor, 0 Opposed to place New Business Items A-I on Chapter Meeting Agenda

Also request NTEC to make a Report

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 7:48 PM

Adjournment Motioned by David Yazzie, Second by Oscar Bia

VOTES: 4 in Favor, 0 Opposed

Chinle Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chinle Chapter Secretary/Treasurer on Wednesday, July 03, 2019

Cynthia Hunter
7/03/2019

Chinle Chapter Government
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 07/01/2019

☒ Planning Meeting

☐ Regular Meeting

☐ Special Meeting

1. President: <u>[Signature]</u>	21. _____
2. Vice President: <u>[Signature]</u>	22. _____
3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u>[Signature]</u>	23. _____
4. Gazing Member: <u>[Signature]</u>	24. _____
5. Council Delegate: _____	25. _____
6. <u>Valerie Allan</u>	26. _____
7. <u>Rosemary Begay</u>	27. _____
8. <u>Ruth Ann Begay</u>	28. _____
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