

# 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

July 17, 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. 006-20: Fifth Executive Order Related to Extending the Declaration of the State of Emergency Due to the Covid-19 Virus on the Navajo Nation; Further Extending the Closure of Navajo Nation Government offices and Related Entities to July 26, 2020.
  - b. Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-016: Public Health Emergency Order Locking Down the Navajo Nation for 57-Hours (for the Next Three Weekends) Due to the Alarming Increase in Positive Cases in Areas Surrounding the Navajo Nation.
  - c. The next monthly Planning Meeting for the Chinle Chapter Government is scheduled for Monday, August 03, 2020 at 5:30 PM.
  - d. Chinle Agency Council Meeting via Teleconference will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 18, 2020.
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business:
  - a. CHIN-JUL-20-025: Approving Budget Changes to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets for the Chinle Chapter Government. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
  - b. CHIN-JUL-20-026: Requests and approving the Chinle Navajo Nation Department of Self Reliance (NNDSR) to recruit Thirty-Eight (38) Adults who are members of a DSR Benefit Group to participate in the Subsidized Adult Employment (SAE) Initiative to be placed at Chinle Chapter for employment beginning October 01, 2020 to September 30, 2021. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
  - c. CHIN-JUL-20-027: Rescinding Resolution CHIN-AUG-19-053 and Requesting NTUA Wireless to Install a Cellular Tower to Provide wireless Network For The Spider Rock Community, on the Existing Withdrawn Gravel Site Area For A 100' X 100' Lease Area. *Sponsor, David Yazzie*
  - d. CHIN-JUL-20-028: Supporting proposed legislation to combine all Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, thus creating the Navajo Nation Council Committee of One. *Sponsor, Eugene Tso*
- X. Reports
  - a. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official
  - b. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
  - c. Chapter Officials
- XI. Adjournment

**CHINLE CHAPTER MEETING**  
**July 17, 2020 – 1:30 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 1:36 pm

**II. INVOCATION** by David Yazzie, Chapter Vice-President

**III. ROLL CALL:**

Myron McLaughlin	Present
David Yazzie	Present
Cynthia Hunter	Present
Oscar Bia	Present
Eugene Tso	Present (on another conference call)
JoAnn Dedman	Absent
Walton Yazzie	Present
Tyrone Begay	Present
Michael Dohi	Present
Tishawna Spencer	Present
Tamra Brown	Present

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion to Accept Agenda by Tamra Brown, Second by Oscar Bia*

*Myron McLaughlin, Is the resolution rescinding or amending on New Business Item "c"*

*David Yazzie, we are rescinding a 2019 resolution so that NTUA can construct a Cell Tower.*

*Myron McLaughlin, Deswood Begay approached me for CellOne to do a tower we supported his resolution now NTUA Wireless wants to do the same, both are separate companies. Resolution will be a year old in August, if resolution is approved to allow NTUA to install a cell tower, then Cell One is moving forward at council level what does that mean? Are we rescinding? We can discuss this later when we get to the New Business Items. We will continue with approving the Agenda, let's vote.*

**VOTES: 8 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention**

*Eugene Tso, In reference to a paper I read about Kee Allen on chapter staff that are working. They have to take leave to be part of the quorum, ask questions with Division of Community Development.*

*Walton Yazzie, our duties are always on the clock and I never had to take leave to attend a chapter meeting. Chapter meetings when held on Sundays were never an issue.*

*Eugene Tso, my question is in reference to this being brought up sometimes back by Kee Allen, in reference to chapter staff working that cannot be part of the quorum that they had to take leave.*

*Myron McLaughlin, our staff have been on the clock even before when we had chapter meetings because they had to set up. Maybe it was a personal attack on someone that is abusing this, chapter staff are on the clock when they prepare for the chapter meeting.*

**V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion to Accept Last Meeting Minutes by Michael Dohi, Second by Oscar Bia*

**VOTES: 8 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention**

**VI. FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Motion to Accept the Financial Report by Tamra Brown, Second by Tishawna Spencer*

**VOTES: 8 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention**

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**VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **CHIN-JUL-20-025: APPROVING BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGETS FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie**  
*Motion by Tamra Brown, Second by Walton Yazzie*  
**VOTES: 8 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention**
- b. **CHIN-JUL-20-026: REQUESTS AND APPROVING THE CHINLE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF SELF RELIANCE (NNDSR) TO RECRUIT THIRTY-EIGHT (38) ADULTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A DSR BENEFIT GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBSIDIZED ADULT EMPLOYMENT (SAE) INITIATIVE TO BE PLACED AT CHINLE CHAPTER FOR EMPLOYMENT BEGINNING OCTOBER 01, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie**  
*Motion by Walton Yazzie, Second by Tamra Brown*  
**VOTES: 8 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstention**
- c. **CHIN-JUL-20-027: RESCINDING RESOLUTION CHIN-AUG-19-053 AND REQUESTING NTUA WIRELESS TO INSTALL A CELLULAR TOWER TO PROVIDE WIRELESS NETWORK FOR THE SPIDER ROCK COMMUNITY, ON THE EXISTING WITHDRAWN GRAVEL SITE AREA FOR A 100' X 100' LEASE AREA. Sponsor, David Yazzie**  
*Motion by Oscar Bia, Second by Tamra Brown*  
*David Yazzie, We can forward this to Eugene Tso and Kee Allen Begay to support for broadband services and use funds from CARES Act. In the future we can look into DelMuerto and look at a site.*  
*Oscar Bia, This is for a cell tower to be constructed south of Spider Rock, within the National Monument, a few years back the area was used as a gravel pit. I am the one that approved the land withdrawal, the delegates can push this for us. I am in favor since the schools are looking into online classes, this will keep my grandkids home from school and using a laptop. I do not want to send my grandkids to school in the midst of this pandemic, how can we as parents and grandparents expose our children to the virus. I am in favor, because there are many times people call my home when they try to get in contact with NPS, NPD or other entities. Sometimes tourist get stranded and need signal to call for help, this is really needed here. Funds are available and most area are planning for wireless, our children are into technology and this will be very beneficial for our grandchildren. Eugene, please push this for your community so that we can get this through.*



*Myron McLaughlin, as for rescinding this resolution, I don't want to rescind AUG-19-053, in fact we should reaffirm and move this forward, my suggestion is to reaffirm and let them run with this. Now I think there is room for agreements with Choice Wireless, maybe cell one can come to some type of agreement with them.*

*Walton Yazzie, why can't we do a new resolution for Choice Wireless and have one or the other do the cell-tower, whoever gets it done first.*

*Myron McLaughlin, I am all for that*

*David Yazzie, Deswood Begay had stated there are no funds, like Walton says whoever gets the funds first then they can run with that.*

*Myron McLaughlin, When I spoke with Deswood Begay he said they were looking into CARES Act funding.*

*Walton Yazzie, I motion to support both resolutions and see which company will complete their requirements, Second by Eugene Tso. CHIN-AUG-19-053 we will not do anything with this resolution but we will introduce a new resolution for Choice Wireless.*

*Cynthia Hunter, it would have been great if Choice Wireless was at the table to let us know of their intentions. This packet that Mr. Yazzie brought is all of CellOne information, I'm sure they paid for the legal survey and description that is attached as well as the other attachment from Historic Preservation, the Cultural Resource Inventory Determination Form has Deswood Begay as the sponsor.*

*David Yazzie, I will motion to table this resolution to be presented at the next Planning Meeting on August 03, 2020 Second by Oscar Bia.*

*Myron McLaughlin, I will honor the MOTION to table by David Yazzie and Second by Oscar Bia, to the next planning meeting on the account we reaffirm CHIN-AUG-19-053 for CellOne.*

*VOTES TO TABLE: 7 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 2 Abstentions*

- d. **CHIN-JUL-20-028: SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO COMBINE ALL STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, THUS CREATING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF ONE. Sponsor, Eugene Tso**

*Motion by Tamra Brown, Second by Michael Dohi*

*VOTES: 7 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 3 Abstentions*

## **X. REPORTS:**

- a. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official:**

*Branding is usually completed in June, we had begun but was stopped for Saturday and Sunday brandings because of the lockdown. This is up to July 27<sup>th</sup>, we should know more by then if we can brand on weekends. People with livestock are complaining that officials are not doing their job and asking what we are all doing?*

*I would like to have a meeting with water development on dried windmills but the Navajo Nation Government Offices remain closed. There are many complaints from livestock owners on the drought situation, although there is wind and windmills are turning it is not pumping any water, some water troughs were stolen. I will meet with District 10 Grazing Chair and Secretary, Department of Ag and discuss these situations.*

*One land dispute was resolved, but there are still many other land disputes, I cannot travel due to the virus but I do contact, call and speak with individuals. There are questions on customary use – can we build a home inside? Outsiders from Shiprock or Tuba City are calling to see if some land in Chinle and the Canyon that have expired leases are up for people to apply for. I am not sure where they heard this from.*

*Horse round-up needs to be completed, 7 miles west of Chinle there are several colts, their mothers dead of dehydration. We were talking about maybe taking the colts to Window Rock and have them feed these horses, they have no brand and some residents have adopted a couple*

colts just so they would not die. It is sad to see this because we often speak of the sacredness of the horses, they have traditional value as well as traditional songs used in ceremonies.

Permittees and transferring of names, we met with some individuals using precautions, we took peoples temperature before they were allowed into the meeting. Chinle Agency Grazing, meeting was held by teleconference – we want to start this back up to settle some land issues because we are now backlogged.

Chinle residents that have no transportation – the chapter has helped and continue water hauling and helping with food which the residents are very thankful for.

I was informed by another Grazing Official that the essential worker letters are not honored by the Police Department, but I have not been stopped and I do not know how true this is. This is due to people abusing and duplicating the letters.

Dogs – there are still many issues with dogs roaming around and attacking livestock

Inside Canyon De Chelly National Monument, we have bears that are also hungry, they break down fences and attack the fruit trees, I had to chase one back up the canyon.

- b. **Eugene Tso, Council Delegate-** (written report attached but Mr. Tso is on the line)

CARES Act Funding is to be used up in three months, we are not looking at big projects, we are looking at broadband. I am looking at Del Muerto and Spider Rock, it is very difficult because it comes with laws. Audit will be done on these funds once utilized. We will meet tomorrow and Sunday, thank you for approving the Committee of One resolution. RDC, HESC should all be on these committees. RDC only asks for members to speak on subjects, even though the resolution does not pertain to them they still approve or disapprove these. Final Authority violates the rights of the people that voted for you. If the committees are consolidated then all the divisions and delegates will be involved in the planning process.

Executive Order, Title 13 and 17 can give citations to people, police are using criminal nuisance when citing people for curfew.

\$115M for burnouts was vetoed, the other funds were approved for building bathrooms and repairs.

Only general election was vetoed, for and against are almost even. More delegates were in favor of postponing, Agency Council resolutions also favor no election, so the postponement might be brought back up if Election Board does not favor.

We are pushing for \$715M CARES Act funds extension for use. Because of the availability of funds perhaps Oscar Bia will need to get consent forms from Del Muerto residents for cell tower.

FYI, I was interviewed through NBC and working with John Hopkins, they will now want an update and asking what happened since three months, this is when the pandemic started. Navajo Nation were getting a lot of donations, what happened to these donations?

- c. **Chapter Officials:**

**Myron McLaughlin**, I do not have a report at this time, I will allow Walton to do an update.

**Walton Yazzie**, we do have food boxes for schools, we received a directive to make arrangements with schools to pick up packages from Chinle Chapter, Tishawna Spencer is handling this. Then we continue to receive care packages that we distribute.

Transfer Station is moving forward, we are getting material to build an office, set up the payments there at the site and we ordered a port-a-john to be set up there for the time being.

**David Yazzie**, no report

**Cynthia Hunter**, no report

**XI. ADJOURNMENT at 3:23 PM**

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

*VOTES: 7 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 0 Abstained*

*Chinle Chapter Meeting Minutes are respectively completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.*

*Cynthia Hunter 07/20/2020*

*Chinle Chapter Government*  
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 07/17/2020    ☐ Planning Meeting    ☒ Regular Meeting    ☐ Special Meeting

1. President:	<u><i>M. J. Jell</i></u>	21.
2. Vice President:	<u><i>David J. Jell</i></u>	22.
3. Secretary/Treasurer:	<u><i>David J. Jell</i></u>	23.
4. Grazing Official:	<u><i>Erica L.</i></u>	24.
5. Council Delegate:		25.
6.	<u><i>Jamuel Brown</i></u>	26.
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