

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

March 29, 2020 – 1:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Review and Approval of Agenda
- IV. Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- V. Financial Report
- VI. Announcements:
 - a. Chinle Chapter's Regular Monthly Planning Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 06, 2020 at 5:30 PM.
 - b. Chinle Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 09, 2020 at 9:00 AM.
 - c. Chinle Land Use Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM.
 - d. Chinle Chapter is accepting your letter of intent and resume for:
 - CLUPC - 4 positions
 - Make Chinle Yours (formerly Steering Committee) – 3 positions
 - Closing Date, March 31, 2020 at 5:30 PM
 - e. March 24-25, 2020, Reservation Wide Grazing Meeting
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. CHIN-MAR-20-011: Requesting Arizona Governor, Ducey to include U.S. Highway 191, The Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable
 - b. CHIN-MAR-20-012:
- IX. Reports
 - a. Amber Rose Waters, Dine College as a Research Project Coordinator
 - Analyzing Mother/Children Relationships
 - b. Judy Tsosie, Senior Community Health Worker
 - COVID-19
 - c. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
 - d. Chapter Officials
 - e. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official
- X. Adjournment

CHINLE CHAPTER MEETING
March 29, 2020 – 1:00 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 3:14 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

Cynthia Hunter, The Agenda I developed was the one that was approved during the March 02, 2020 Planning Meeting, due to the recent declaration of public health emergency the Agenda will have to be changed to fit today's meeting. I will Motion to postpone Announcements b,c,d,e until further notice, Second by David Yazzie

Walton Yazzie, requests to delay the next regular planning meeting until needed perhaps April 10, 2020, Friday at 5:00 PM. This will also be for updates on COVID-19 and what our community might need at that time.

Cynthia Hunter, requests to add resolution CHIN-MAR-20-012 for public notice to reiterate the OPVP ordinance for COVID-19.

Myron McLaughlin, Superintendent Natay is requesting teachers to return to work tomorrow while Navajo Nation guidelines are "Stay Home".

Walton Yazzie, what I understand is that teachers will get homework situated for students to complete homework online.

Walton Yazzie, requests to add New Business Item "c": \$25,000 Emergency Funds to be approved and accepted by the Chinle Chapter Government

JoAnn Dedman, requests to add resolution for wood hauling permit – to add a limit on woodhauling by individuals hauling wood without a permit and perhaps have people haul wood free of charge another is to perhaps postpone this year's chapter election

David Yazzie, requests to add a resolution on old gravel pit on N7 near SpiderRock, request is to have Choice Wireless NTUA to build a tower at that site

JoAnn Dedman, the postponing of the 2020 chapter election to one year and extend terms up to one year is needed to support the Speakers initiative.

Cynthia Hunter, with all these resolutions you are requesting, you all do know that we will need to have the resolutions completed today?

Myron McLaughlin, We can entertain New Business Items:

- a. CHIN-MAR-20-011: Requesting Arizona Governor, Ducey to include U.S. Highway 191, The Arizona State Right-of-Way, on the Navajo Nation as one of his Smart Highway Corridors Initiative to install Broadband Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable*
- b. CHIN-MAR-20-012: Notifying and Urging the Public which shall follow the United States President and the Office of the Navajo Nation President and Vice President's Declaration that includes all correspondence pertaining and not limited to COVID-19; and Public Notice will expire and terminate in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Government Orders*
- c. CHIN-MAR-20-013: Approving the Emergency Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$25,000.00 for the Chinle Chapter Government.*

the other requested resolutions on Wood Permits, Postponing the Chapter Official Elections and Choice Wireless Tower is to be discussed at the next Regular Planning Meeting

VOTES on Motion to Postpone Announcements b, c, d, and e: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

VOTES ON REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion to Accept Last Meeting Minutes by David Yazzie, Second by Oscar Bia

VOTES: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion to Accept Agenda by Walton Yazzie, Second by Tamra Brown

VOTES: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Chinle Chapter's Regular Monthly Planning Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **CHIN-MAR-20-011: REQUESTING ARIZONA GOVERNOR, DUCEY TO INCLUDE U.S. HIGHWAY 191, THE ARIZONA STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY, ON THE NAVAJO NATION AS ONE OF HIS SMART HIGHWAY CORRIDORS INITIATIVE TO INSTALL BROADBAND CONDUIT AND FIBER OPTIC CABLE.**

Motion by David Yazzie, Second by Oscar Bia

VOTES: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

- b. **CHIN-MAR-20-012: NOTIFYING AND URGING THE PUBLIC WHICH SHALL FOLLOW THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT AND THE OFFICE OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION THAT INCLUDES ALL CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING AND NOT LIMITED TO COVID-19; AND PUBLIC NOTICE WILL EXPIRE AND TERMINATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

Motion by Tamra Brown, Second by Michael Dohi

VOTES: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

- c. **CHIN-MAR-20-013: APPROVING THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT**

Motion by Michael Dohi, Second by Tamra Brown

Walton Yazzie, how do we budget this Emergency funding? We cannot exceed \$200 to help individuals, these funds have to be utilized in line with Command Center guidelines.

Myron McLaughlin, Walton, since you have been here and open for the public, what do you feel is needed to keep services open for the community?

Walton Yazzie, You can allocate funds for PPE and supplies in order to remain open for the public, this is to protect the workers and to keep them safe from virus in dealing with the public.

Myron McLaughlin, this is good to remain open because the community needs these essentials.

David Yazzie, I was monitoring and you all did a great job, this is helping our community.

Myron McLaughlin, First thing is to identify our elders and see what conditions they are in, perhaps give wood, coal and drinking water.

Walton Yazzie, In order for us to be out in the public we would have to have the staff go through a training process, this is a requirement in order to hand out stuff to the communities. We have to abide by the Navajo Nation laws/rules set in place by the Incident Command Center and CDC. We would have to wear full PPE gear then change each time we go to different homes, this is so even with curbside pick up where people can come out and pick up supplies but others will line up and create a line or public gathering which is again against the rules that are set. We have not received any calls/request for water, from the beginning there was a request for food. Lately, no elderly has requested for food yet. If there was a concern about food then food banks will come out, there is a request form on-line for food and if this becomes the case then the command center will deliver food not the chapter workers. The command center personnel will first locate the individual then check to see what is needed, the form asks for detail information and the form is on-line and can be filled out to make such a request. People that come out for water ask

if we will give out gloves or masks for protection. Most of the calls we receive are requests for information of our office/service hours.

Cynthia Hunter, \$25,000 is not a whole lot of funds, the money should be saved for later when it is actually needed, perhaps when the peak does happen. We do not know exactly what will happen or how long the orders will last so my recommendation is to order PPE for workers because we do need to protect them and save the rest of the funds until needed.

JoAnn Dedman, I would like to suggest an installation of a front office window (sneeze guard) for safety purposes

Myron McLaughlin, now we kind of have a general idea as to what is needed

Walton Yazzie, from the beginning we received memorandums telling us to remain closed however, we had services to continue for our constituents. A lot of homes do not have running water and if this gets really bad we can open up the Manuelito well for water. People are trying to store all their water for the weekends so they do come in often filling their huge tanks.

Oscar Bia, this is in reference to water for livestock and all the windmills. There are four windmills that are fixed but families put a lock on one of the fixed windmills making this hard for others to use. Water development staff are not working so there is not much to be done about these issues.

IHS can take care of their own until such time we are requested for help. If we do give them funding then they will look at us and depend on the Chapter each time to provide for them. We need to fix the well and out in rural areas there are no vehicles, no transportation for some of these families. I do know of two ladies that are living out there that are not dependent on the chapter although they do need assistance. They live in a hogan, their roof is covered with tarp but they do not ask for help/assistance. I agree that funding needs to be saved until such time it is needed.

Walton Yazzie, I will budget \$10,000 for PPE; \$7,500 for food and \$7,500 for wood/coal

VOTES: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

IX. REPORTS:

a. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate

Joann Dedman, LDA, Mr. Tso has self-quarantined for seven days. He will help sponsor the legislation to postpone elections and do away with Standing Committee Meetings. He did attend a meeting on Friday with all delegates but three delegates called in. Everything is on hold except emergency legislations. DEM Director was asked by one of the delegates about FEMA reimbursements, he stated they do not reimburse chapters so we will need to look into that.

b. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official – people are asking about COVID-19 and I did get two people come to my house stating they were from IHS, they stated they were giving out info on COVID-19, I did not let them into my home although they were requesting to come in, they left until I threatened them, they were most likely scammers.

Watering point is needed for people that have livestock but for now the although there is office closure the water and trash dumping are still available for people.

Grain delivery that was scheduled in April is to be postponed

Permittee Meetings will continue until it is ok meet again

HSL – two applications became a dispute. One I did not approve because there was no infrastructure with wildlife present, the archaeologist also stated the same that he could not approve the clearance because of the obvious wildlife present.

12 horses were reported stranded about 5 miles N of Bashas, MP 451. Navajo Nation Rangers took the horses, 7 were taken and horses were not branded.

I will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday for urgent issues only, we also continue to work through the phone and internet.

Joann Dedman, For your information two non-navajos were killed on N7 near Sawmill at this time there are no leads.

Myron McLaughlin, thank you for attending this meeting, please, please practice sheltering in place, stay home, save lives.

Oscar Bia, requests a letter for essential employees, he will need this in case he gets called out.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 6:18 PM

Adjournment Motioned by David Yazzie, Second by Oscar Bia

VOTES: 6 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 2 Abstentions

Chinle Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes for Sunday, March 29, 2020 was respectively completed and Submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Cynthia Hunter
3/30/2020