

# Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

**Myron McLaughlin**  
PRESIDENT

**David Yazzie, Jr.**  
VICE PRESIDENT

**Cynthia Hunter**  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

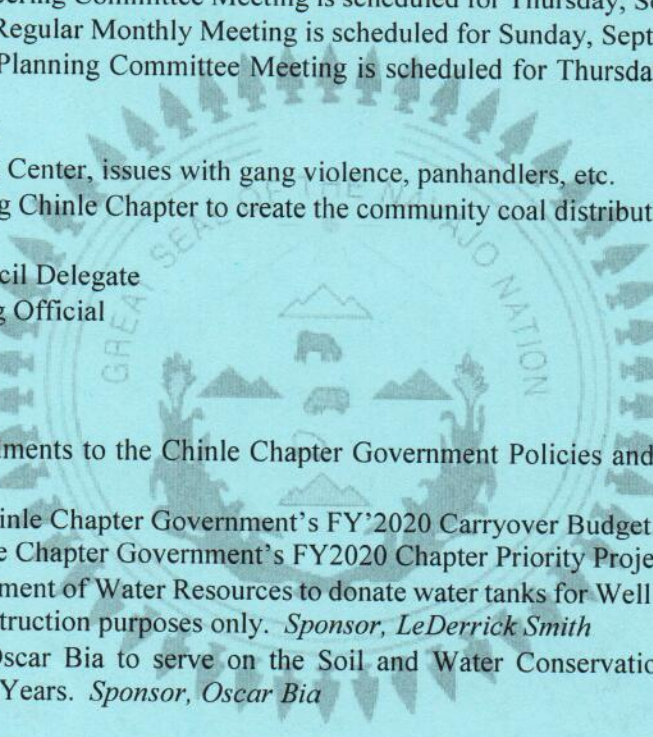
**Eugene Tso**  
COUNCIL DELEGATE

**Oscar Bia**  
GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER

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## REGULAR PLANNING MEETING Tuesday, September 03, 2019 – 5:30 PM

### AGENDA

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
  - II. Invocation
  - III. Review and Approval of Agenda
  - IV. Announcements
    - a. The Navajo Nation Fair will be held this week (September 02 – September 07) in Window Rock, AZ.
    - b. Chinle Chapter Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
    - c. Chinle Chapter's Regular Monthly Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 1:00 PM.
    - d. Chinle Land Use Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
  - V. Community Concerns:
    - a. Tseyi' Shopping Center, issues with gang violence, panhandlers, etc.
    - b. NTEC requesting Chinle Chapter to create the community coal distribution pile/storage
  - VI. Reports
    - a. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
    - b. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official
    - c. Chapter Officials
  - VII. Old Business – None
  - VIII. New Business:
    - a. Approving Amendments to the Chinle Chapter Government Policies and Procedures. *Sponsor, Myron McLaughlin*
    - b. Approving the Chinle Chapter Government's FY'2020 Carryover Budget. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
    - c. Reaffirming Chinle Chapter Government's FY2020 Chapter Priority Projects. *Sponsor, Walton Yazzie*
    - d. Requesting Department of Water Resources to donate water tanks for Well Number 10T-242A, aka South Well used for construction purposes only. *Sponsor, LeDerrick Smith*
    - e. Appointment of Oscar Bia to serve on the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors for Four Years. *Sponsor, Oscar Bia*
  - IX. Adjournment

## CHINLE CHAPTER PLANNING MEETING

September 03, 2019 – 5:30 PM

### MINUTES

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 5:38 PM
- II. **INVOCATION** by David Yazzie, Chapter Vice-President
- III. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - Motion to Accept Agenda by Cynthia Hunter, Second by David Yazzie**
  - Philene Davis, requests to be added to Community Concerns in reference to Church's Chicken
  - Myron McLaughlin, you will be added to Community Concerns "c"
  - Wayne Claw, requests a support resolution to be added to New Business
  - Myron McLaughlin, your request will be added to New Business "f"
  - Phillip James, BIA Forestry-Fire Management wishes to be placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda to announce and renew the resolution for the control burn scheduled in Fluted Rock area
  - Myron McLaughlin, we can complete and reaffirm the resolution at the next meeting
  - Votes to Approve Agenda: 4 in Favor and 0 Opposed**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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- V. **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND CONCERNS**
  - a. **Tseyi' Shopping Center, issues with gang violence, panhandlers, etc.**
    - David Yazzie, there are many concerns of panhandlers bugging customers and tourists. Tourists have mentioned that it is best to stay as far away from Bashas so they stay at Thunderbird Lodge. Chinle would be better as a tourist attraction and we would like to address the issues of panhandlers and gang violence.
    - Philene Davis, why can't you do something like Window Rock shopping center have an armed security.
    - David Yazzie, this is not a Navajo Nation Shopping Center, this was one was initiated by Jon Colvin through a federal lease. We would like to meet with the DCI Board, we will draft a resolution to this nature.
    - Myron McLaughlin, we were wanting to do a powerpoint and address this to Law and Order to see if anything can be done, this can be addressed until the information is gathered.
  - b. **NTEC requesting Chinle Chapter to create the community coal distribution pile/storage**
    - Myron McLaughlin, read the letter of request from NTEC looking to establish a 4 acre storage site to store coal for the community for the upcoming winter. RDC Approval is needed, fact sheet is attached and NTEC is willing to begin coal distribution November, 2019. In a lot of ways we are like hypocrites - we voted against coal mines, we completed a Sustainability Symposium for clean energy. I will call Cortasha Upshaw for more information.
  - c. **Philene Davis, Assistant Manager of Church's Chicken.** Meeting was held with Mr. Michael Nelson, Sr. this morning, he informed us that our jobs in Chinle are on the line. October 11, 2019, Church's Chicken will close and 24 employees will no longer have a job, the main issue was to secure a lease to renew the franchise license and work to build a new store in the same location. Concern is how can we get support from council delegate to make the resolution move forward. This is our livelihood, we work for our children, many workers need to pay their vehicles, bills and Mr. Nelson has said that Chinle is the one with the top sales. Customers state that they don't have to drive far just to get a meal. It is hard to find a job here in Chinle, I have two degrees one in early childhood and studies, I have no experience so I tried putting in applications until I was hired here. We want to know how we can push this, we don't want Church's closed and I am asking council delegate and

community for their support. I do not know the paperflow process but I am concerned for my workers and all employees of Church's Chicken.

**Myron McLaughlin**, we had a 10:30 AM meeting with the Navajo Nation President, he called Division of Economic Development to be in a meeting at 2:00 PM with Mr. Nelson. August 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Nelson and Enterprise approached Chinle Chapter for assistance because Chinle RBDO was not moving Mr. Nelson's request. CHIN-JUN-18-050 resolution supports Mike Nelson to novate land that is adjacent to Church's Chicken. The process was started and it did not go nowhere, something I found out was confidential information between Mr. Nelson and Navajo Nation Business Development. After today's meeting there were many excuses by Chinle RBDO, Mr. Nelson only needs a letter stating to renew another 25 years so the franchise does not shut down. Solution was Emergency Operating Agreement (EOA) so Mr. Nelson can continue his business, Navajo Nation President and his Administration also stated that he does not want anyone to become unemployed. EPA cleanup was approved for the Valerie Allen site and President, Jonathan Nez will make sure that this site will be expedited for cleanup as priority one. Everyone involved in business site leasing was at the meeting (18 people) including Land Department, Small Business, Division of Economic Development, Mr. Nelson, Navajo Nation President, etc. Mr. Nelson has been coming here for support and I want you to stand behind him, so this does not stop here, we need your voice here at the community. You have a lot more power than elected officials here, Mr. President let the people know that this would have been all over the news and social media creating negativity. This was a very lengthy meeting and your boss put his heart into this meeting for you all, Church's generates \$1.4 M revenue for Chinle area. Next meeting is 09/24/2019 hopefully delegate will be in attendance, he was at a budget meeting today. This was a BIA lease and is no longer valid, Mr. Nelson would have to start from the beginning to get this approved as a Navajo Nation Lease.

**Philene Davis**, we were informed at 8:00 AM this morning of Church's closure, this will be my second year as an assistant manager, I knew of the lease but we did not know how to handle this.

**Community Member**, we find that the whole community likes Church's Chicken so this is not just for us this is for the whole community.

**Wayne Claw**, It took eleven (11) years for us to finally get novation for Starbucks, the 10 NHA apartments and 8 NHA apartments. BIA finally signed and there was no help like you say, I paid \$26,000 to ONTC last week since my lease was finalized.

**Myron McLaughlin**, we were also told today to begin building the new ACE Hardware, Mr. Nelson did not know that the land was available. Mr. Nelson will pay Church's Chicken another visit to give you the good news soon.

## VI. REPORTS

- a. **Eugene Tso, Council Delegate**: I will make my report at the Regular Chapter Meeting, we were in session for the Navajo Nation budget approval today. I put in an amendment to a legislation approved by the 89 delegates I lost, only 6 voted in my favor. Maybe we will bring this back up to do away with the conditions of appropriation for that legislation, I will elaborate on this further at the chapter meeting.  
Election office meeting was postponed until next week  
Blue Gap meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> with Aaron Yazzie  
NABI Meeting is at 10:00 AM, Thursday September 05, 2019
- b. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official** – we worked the weekend and today I attended another meeting with District Grazing. I completed several gps for homesites, also completed branding at several homes.
- c. **Chapter Officials** – Language on Referendum Ballot, unfortunately Ron Haven knew more than everybody and asked for chapter to go to RDC. Correction was made with Martin Ashley and Election Board, we were supposed to meet but meeting was postponed to next Thursday. Mr. President stated that you are LGA certified to why not take over business site leasing, that way you don't have to run into this situation.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS – None

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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- f. Resolution was requested for by the State of Arizona from Arlando Teller and 8 other representatives. \$9M matching funds is requested for, Senate Bill dropped yesterday was 70% we need 30%. Instead of going through tribe I would like to try this with Mr. Teller. Grants can be provided and they do not go through litigation and sovereignty issues. We were given the go-ahead for the legislation but we need local support. This past year they gave \$36M in grants to different tribes so we would like to go for this, Friday meeting was with state legislation democrats. Mr. Hale was on Senate once before so he knows the issues and knows them very well. At the Rough Rock HESC meeting, Mr. Nathaniel Brown approached me threatening to report me for \$21M and \$4M and running Starbucks illegally. There was nothing done illegally, I was able to pay the taxes until I received the novation from BIA. Budget formation meeting will be in November, 2019. Once we receive funds we will design. I found that in the year 2014 The Veterans committee was approved \$14M along with notice to proceed, I was disappointed that monies were lost due to not meeting the deadline. Audit for 2017 and 2018 is complete, we just need supporting resolution, this is for Veterans, estimate is \$38M. *Sponsor, Wayne Claw*
- g. Supporting and Recommending the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Forestry to conduct Hazardous Fuel Reduction (HFR) and RX Burn, Wild Land Urban Interface (WUI) Treatments to minimize the cause of a catastrophic wildfire to the communities of Fluted Rock area. *Sponsor, Phillip James*
- h. Supporting the appointment of Earl Tully to the Navajo Nation Water Rights Commission. *Sponsor, Joann Dedman*

**VOTES: 5 in Favor and 0 Opposed to move these items to New Business at the next Regular Chapter Meeting on September 29, 2019**

## IX. ADJOURNMENT at 7:04 PM

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

**VOTES: 5 in Favor, 0 Opposed**

**Chinle Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes completed and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chinle Chapter Secretary/Treasurer on Tuesday, September 04, 2019**

*Cynthia Hunter 09/04/2019*

# Chinle Chapter Government Sign-in Sheet

Date: 09/03/2019 ☒ Planning Meeting ☐ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

1. President: <u>Myself</u>	21.
2. Vice President: <u>[Signature]</u>	22.
3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u>Cynthia Hunter</u>	23.
4. Grazing Official: <u>[Signature]</u>	24.
5. Council Delegate: <u>[Signature]</u>	25.
6. <u>Wayne Clark Hunter</u>	
7. <u>Phillip James, Blt Forestry</u>	27.
8. <u>Philene Davis</u>	28.
9. <u>[Signature]</u>	29.
10. <u>Carmelita Turner</u>	30.
11. <u>Joseph Klade</u>	31.
12. <u>[Signature]</u>	32.
13. <u>JoAnn Dedman</u>	33.
14. <u>Conna Yazzie</u>	34.
15. <u>[Signature]</u>	35.
16. <u>Walter Yazzie</u>	36.
17. <u>Benita Turner</u>	37.
18.	38.
19.	39.
20.	40.