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Planning Meeting Agenda
August 02, 2021
5:00 pm

I. Meeting Call to Order by President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:00 PM.

II. Roll Call by President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

Council Delegate Eugene Tso
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch
Vice President Shawna Claw
S/T Roann Burbank
Grazing Rep. Oscar Bia Sr.
Christina Andrade
Danny Francis
TiShawna Spencer
Walton Yazzie
Shawna Alice Becenti
Anderson Yazzie
BettyRose Draper

III. Invocation by Vice President Shawna Claw.

IV. Review and Approval of Agenda by President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
Amendments:

- a. Announcement about Chinle Chapter Phase-In Protocols
- b. Resolution: CHIN-AUG-21-050 C638 report by Oscar Bia Sr. for Bus Route.
- c. Report from Lita Honie updating on voter registration from Apache County Voter

Motion by: Shawna Claw

Second by: Oscar Bia

Discussions:

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

V. Review and Approval of July Planning Chapter Meeting Minutes read by S/T Roann Burbank.

Motion by: Shawna Claw

Second by: Roann Burbank

Discussions: NONE

Vote: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

VI. Announcements:

- a. Navajo Nation's Administration Building One Closure to the Public.
- b. Chinle Chapter Phase-In Protocol.

VII. Community Concern:

None

VIII. Old Business:

- a. **CHIN-JUL-21-043: SUPPORT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO RETAIN THE CHINLE WATER RESOURCES/WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT CHINLE, AZ.**

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- b. **CHIN-JUL-21-044:** SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO FUNDS FOR CHINLE CHAPTER COMMUNITY NINE (9) WINDMILLS FOR PARTS AND MAINTENANCE.

Will be sent for review for next Chapter meeting. Vote to carry over to next meeting.

Motion by: Roann Burbank

Second: Shawna Claw

Vote: 3

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

IX. New Business:

- a. **CHIN-AUG-21-048:** SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC. REQUEST FOR REAUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION AS A GRANT SCHOOL PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 100-297.

Motion by: Shawna A. Claw

Second by: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions:

Mr. Anderson Yazzie: Good evening Chinle Chapter Officials. My name is Anderson Yazzie Junior I am Tó'aheedlínii, born for Dibéłzhíní, Tódich'íi'nii are my grandfathers and Tabaaha are my paternal grandfathers. I am originally from the Chinle area here, raised right on the outskirts of Chinle, not too far a mile and a half from the back of..... I do have our head of school, Shawna Becenti with us..... Ms. Becenti? I can't you my dear.

Ms. Shawna Alice Becenti: OK, now can you hear me?

Mr. Anderson Yazzie: Yes.

Ms. Shawna Alice Becenti: Ok, good. I know it's always the getting on zoom calls. Ya'ha'teeh, my name is Shawna Alison Becenti. I am Táchii'nii born for Áshjihnii, Mą'ii deeshgiizhinii are grandfathers, T ǻ'ógi are my paternal grandfathers. Hello, thank you so much for this opportunity to share information about Navajo Prep. We are excited to really move forward with our reauthorization and just truly appreciate your support. And I know our Board Vice President, Mr. Anderson Yazzie Jr., I'm sure he'll let him take the floor and then he can let me know when he wants me to add to his presentation.

Mr. Anderson Yazzie: All right, well, good evening, everyone, again, and I'm new to the Google go to meeting format, so and I don't know why my camera is acting up with this one. So, I'm able to share my beautiful, handsome face to Shawna Claw and the rest of the group there. So, if we'll just have to bear along with me, Shawna, if you want to see me, you can call me or text me and I'll go, oh, I'll face time with you. So again, for inviting us this evening or having to join in on the Planning Meeting, we do have a resolution before the Chinle Chapter Officials requesting for again reauthorizations report on behalf of Navajo Preparatory School from the Chinle Chapter. And every couple of years we go through this process with the Chinle Chapter and also at the Chinle Agency. This presentation of this document basically provides support to the Navajo Preparatory School reauthorization process pursuant to the public law one hundred two ninety-seven (100-297). Navajo Prep was established in nineteen ninety-one (1991) from the Navajo Nation Council Navajo Education Committee. It is an institution for Navajo students seeking, I'm sorry, excuse me, established in nineteen ninety-one (1991) from the Navajo Education Council committee and has been in operation since and we are celebrating our 30th year coming this year and twenty-twenty one (21), twenty-twenty two (22) school year. So Navajo Prep has been around for twenty-two (22) years. At this point we are serving ninety-eight (98%) percent Navajo Nation, our Navajo enrolled students and Navajo Preparatory school, we have a high rate of successful students who are continuing on to four-year university college after their high school graduation here at Navajo Prep currently for this current school year that we're operating in. We do have the fourteen (14) students who are representatives of the Chinle Chapter overall from the Chinle Agency. We have thirty-two (32) students. In the resolution we should have written (12%) twelve percent of our current enrollment is representative of the Chinle Chapter. So, if we need to make that adjustment, then please let me know if we can get that revised and updated to the Chinle Chapter Officials. I also want to share that Navajo Preparatory School has now transitioned into the International Baccalaureate Program setting in our school system. So not only are we covering the Navajo cultural foundations of Navajo education, but we are taking it globally for our students and on behalf of our students at Navajo Preparatory School. We have been operating under the IP status within the Navajo Nation and Navajo Preparatory School system for the past five years now, and

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we are excelling each year and each of those areas. Our students are beginning to really transition into looking at the global components of what it means to be globally educated in our Navajo system, and then also recognizing globally what the items are that we find in our in our great nation and our and the world as well. We are also providing services in the art of school time with the 21st Century grant and other programs that come into the school system for our 9th through 12th grades and the school system. We travel. We have students internationally that are interested in attending Navajo Prep. Now, we do have that ability to start working towards that initiative as well. So, we are opening up the Navajo Preparatory doors to more students coming in from off the Navajo Nation, but always keeping the priority with our Navajo students. The numbers that I read to you earlier in our enrollment for the Chinle Chapter and for the Chinle Agency may be a little low, but keep in mind that because of the pandemic for Covid-19, our enrollment everywhere in the school system has dropped across the state. So, in addition to that, we are looking forward to continuing to increase our recruitment for that Chinle Agency on behalf of Navajo Prep and then also really looking at how we can expand in our areas of outreach and the rural communities that are our homes are located in. So, over the course of the year, for the 2021 school year, we've reached out to all of our students who started, of course, in the virtual realm. Where all of our students have to have some, some form of technology to support their education and Navajo Prep, and I'm pretty sure Shawna can attest to this, that we have achieved that goal within this past school year. Our students have successfully maintained their academic achievement over the past school year, even though we were struggling with Covid pandemic and also dealing with a lot of different factors that have been involved in that around that around the pandemic. So, I just want to share with you that's pretty much all you want to share with you at this point. I don't know if you have any questions for us, but right now, I also want to turn it over to Ms. Becenti to add a little bit more where I may have forgotten a few of the areas that I should have highlighted. But again, being involved as the Vice President for the School Board and being involved on the Board of Trustees, with Navajo Preparatory School representing the Chinle Agency and the Chinle Chapter and also the Western Agency. In my capacity, I am really fortunate and very happy to support the students and families of Navajo Preparatory School in this position. So, I'm going to turn it over to Ms. Becenti see if she wants to add anything else and then we'll take questions after. Thank you.

Ms. Shawna Becenti: Thank you so much, Mr. Yazzie Jr. I don't really have a ton because you did such an excellent job presenting, but the only thing I could really share to the chapter to Chinle community is that Navajo Prep. We publish an annual report, and I would love to share it with you. And I do have it available if I could screen share it. And I but I also can also save it for the chapter, actual Regular meeting to share the document. It highlights our success and highlights areas for improvement. And this past year Navajo Prep really worked hard to bridge the digital divide the best way we knew how, and that was to leverage the federal dollars that we received and ultimately stay in communication with our community. What were their needs? And so when you review our annual report, you will see that its first student driven, its student centered. Everything we do is for our students and our communities that we serve. Ultimately, Navaho Prep, our goal is to produce leaders now and into the future. Yis'ka'goo Natani and how we do that then is through being advocates for producing students through curriculum to, to be problem solvers and to be able to utilize the technologies that is before them. We moved in transition to being an Apple one to one environment, and that took a lot of, a lot of leveraging federal dollars to servers, hot spots antennas and trying to find the best device that could help connect students. And I, I say I can't wait, I, we just need that one map to show all the different providers on one map on what's the best service and know every person, every person's longitudinal and latitude, longitude and latitude line because that's truly what they're asking. We can't say it's two miles past the Chapter house anymore. We need to know their pinpoint location to provide service. So, I am just very proud to be the Head of School Navajo Prep, I did graduate from Navajo Prep back when it was first started and now, I've come full circle to be Head of School. I am truly thankful to our Board and for their support. And we've we're transitioning. We've, we've also I heard you all talk about your kind of return to school protocols and regulations, and that's exactly what we have and we have guiding documents that will support our students to return back to us in person. We do a lot of surveys and within it, within the annual report, you'll see all of our data. Everything is as data driven and student focus. So, I stand for questions. Thank you.

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President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you, Mr. Anderson Yazzie, Jr and Ms. Shawna Becenti. Thank you for your presentation, information you shared in regards to Navajo Prep. Look forward to seeing your annual report. I know programs are, are doing your program sounds like it's doing really, great being IB accredited and having that type of academic drive for your students. I think that's, that's great. And I'll open it up to the floor. Officials, do you have any questions or comments for Mr. Yazzie, M. Becenti?

Vice President Shawna Ann Claw: Ya'ha'teeh, Ms. Becenti, I will introduce myself. My name is Shawna Ann Claw. My clans I am Hooghan łáni and born for Tódich'ii'nii, Táchii'nii are my grandfather and Kiyaa'áanii are my paternal grandfathers and would like to say thank you. Andy, Ya'ha'teeh too, I just want to commend both of you for the great, great presentation you did. And then I also want to say that you are really doing well with the students. I was able to participate in the Hozhoni Week, so I got to do a Navajo government class for your students. And it was just really awesome to be involved with Navajo Preparatory. So, we do look forward to the school reopening. I am glad that your district also your school also works with the Navajo Nation, the dhoti. So, we look forward to the great strides that you're doing. So I just want to say thank you and I am going to be supporting your resolution. that is all, Aheehe.

- b. **President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:** Thank you. Any other questions or comments at this time? If not, we will request a motion to carry this particular resolution **CHIN-AUG-21-048: SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC. REQUEST FOR REAUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED OPERATION AS A GRANT SCHOOL PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 100-297.** On to our regular chapter meetings agenda.

Vote: 4 **Opposed:** 0 **Abstained:** 1

- c. **CHIN-AUG-21-049: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR CHRISTINA ANDRADE FOR HER DOCTORAL DISSERTATION STUDY WHICH INCLUDES INTERVIEWING TWELVE (12) STUDENTS AT CHINLE NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY.**

Discussions:

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Miss Andrade, the floor is yours to do your presentation for your resolution.

Ms. Christina Andrade: Ok, thank you very much. And first of all, I'd just like to thank the board for allowing me to be in this meeting and yes, I'm requesting support to interview as part of my just my doctoral studies, approximately 12 students at Navajo Technical University here in Chinle. Just to give you a little bit of background of me, I'm from Gallup, New Mexico and I've been working here on the Navajo Nation for approximately 21 years. I am starting over at what was used to be the community school now. But the elementary school, I was an education specialist in Chinle for almost four years at the new building, going down by Chevron and then now and that's the high school, Many Farms high school in Many Farms. And I adjunct at Navajo Technical University, but I've been teaching at NTU in the evenings as an adjunct instructor for about 2013. There was a little break in there, but about 2013 or so. And I continue on with that now. It's online class since the pandemic. So that's a little bit of background for me. I just want to give you a little bit of background, a study of the study I do. I Want to propose the dissertation study is to basically determine how the university students and specifically in the Chinle at NTU how they manage to persist and pursue to any of the challenges and difficulties during the pandemic. So that's going to be the primary focus for students have to work at home away from the classroom. And just I just want to hear the, the challenges that these particular students face on an independent basis while they were completing their assignments and all of their, their mandated work. That was that they have to do. And what I basically want to do is it's called a phenomenal phenomenological study, and it's to provide their individual insights and stories, challenges and the difficulties and how they overcame this during this specific time. And right now, I'm attending Gwynedd Mercy University, which is out of Philadelphia of out of Pennsylvania. And I've been in the program now since March. And so that's basically what I wanted to do. And as part of the IRB, I had to go to the historical department. And then first of all, they told me to go to the Chinle Chapter. So that was what I was requesting to start with, is to get permission from the chapter and actually chapter to proceed with my studies and interviewing the students. As I indicated. Is there any question?

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President Dr Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you, Ms. Andrade, for the information you provided in regards to your study. So, this study sounds like it's something that was just developed within this year or is last year, March is what you're saying?

Ms. Christina Andrade: This this particular year in March, March, the 1st with my first class. I've since completed three classes and it's an online study on online dissertation study. Yes, I just started in March. Yes.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: And are you planning to have the full participants, all registered voters within Chinle Chapter, or are they going to vary?

Ms. Christina Andrade: Oh, I, I didn't, I didn't think about them being registered voters, actually. I was primarily thinking of the students that, that I had in the past, if they were still attending. The ones who were still attending NTU. So, and they do come from surrounding areas, some students from outside of the Chinle area. But I can focus more on, you know, in specific, if they're Chinle voters, I can do that.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: No worries. That's just the question. We'd like to know if you're staying local or going around. So, thank you.

Ms. Christina Andrade: Oh, yeah. Yeah. Its specifically students who attend either on a part-time or full-time basis are into and specifically the Chinle, the Chinle NTU, not the Crownpoint school. So, I wanted to focus primarily, you know, here in the Chinle area.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok. Officials, any other questions or comments for Ms. Andrade?

Vice President Shawna Claw: Good evening, Ms. Andrade, this is Shawna Claw. I guess my question would be regarding your study of these individuals that you will be interviewing, are they going to be all within a specific field like education, business, geology? I don't know what theor is it just going to be, just a diverse group that you will be interviewing. That's my question.

Ms. Christina Andrade: Ok, yes. It's going to be a diverse Population within the school. It's not specific to any department. It's just if they were attending part time or full time during the pandemic time frame. So, yeah, it doesn't it's not specific to any particular department.

Vice President Shawna Claw: Ok, no more questions, thank you.

Ms. Christina Andrade: Ok.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Right. Anybody else have any questions or comments for Ms. Andrade? Sorry it took so long for you to get on the agenda. We keep missing paths there a couple months.

Motion by:

Shawna Claw

Second by: Oscar Bia

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

Resolution will carry on to next Regular Chapter meeting.

d. **CHIN-AUG-21-050:** SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR PROPSD BUS ROUTE C638 COUNTY ROAD BY APACHE COUNTY OFF ROUTE AND SLIDING HOUSE OVERLOOK.

e. **President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:** Mr. Oscar, would you like to talk about this proposed resolution?

Grazing Official Oscar Bia: Hello, can you hear me?

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Grazing Official Oscar Bia: OK. The support resolution is for a route C63 route number it's a county road. So, support letter needs by Apache County to put culverts, three places for the school bus, little kids, this is off route 7. Sliding House Overlook to the south. Some little kids get off the bus there. On behalf of the safety, like two, two and a half years ago, this kid was walking back to the house and then there was like a white Van was following the little kid, and then the kids just ran into the woods. So, for safety, some more little kids are school age now. So, this morning we wanted to go to school, so they went. we will be safe with them. you might be able to help me with a support resolution with that for Apache County. And then it gets very muddy. Maybe make it a gravel road. Well, I need resolution they said. That is what it is for.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Oscar, for your information, provided the support resolution for Route C-638 following Sliding Rock 10 miles southeast of Chinle.

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Grazing Official Oscar Bia: Yes.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Oscar, for your information, provided the support resolution for Route C-638 following Sliding Rock 10 miles southeast of Chinle, it proposed three culverts and work would go through Apache County District 1. OK, are there any questions for this proposed resolution or comments?

Motion by: Shawna Claw

Second by: Eugene Tso

Discussions:

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

Approved to move on to our next agenda for August Regular Meeting.

X. Reports:

a. Lita Honie - Apache County Recorders Voter Outreach

Ms. Lita Honie: Ya'ha'teeh, my name is to Lita. I am Tódich'ii'nii born for Kin ł ichii'nii, Hooghan ł áni are my grandfathers, Hashk'aa hadzohi **are** my paternal grandfathers. I am working under the Apache County recorders as a Voter Outreach, and I just wanted to let people know that we are open. We do provide voter ID cards and we would like to invite people to update their information if they have not updated it, as some people have not updated their information since they first registered. Any time your information changes, name change, address, physical address, phone number, that gives us a chance to contact you in case we need to get a hold of you. With this past election, there were some voters who did not find their, their ballot. So, them not updating their phone number or their physical address, it makes it harder for us to find them. And then we got the new bill that is that is going to be going into effect. It's what was permanent early voting list. Permanent early voting list means that every election cycle that you will be emailed a ballot in the mail that is going to be changed to active early voting lists. What that means is as long as you send back your early ballots that you receive in the mail, if you are registered for that, as long as you use that, you will not be removed from the early voting list. It doesn't mean that you're not going to be you're not going to be removed from the voter registration. It's just that list. If you miss, if you're signed up for that active early voting list and you missed two election cycles, you don't use your ballot, that's going to remove you from that list. And the next time we're not going to send you a ballot unless you sign up for it and then you can get a ballot the next time around. If not other than that we do have early voting available this year. We won't have an election within Chinle area. But when Window Rock does have an election. I believe it's for Overwrite and Special bond. That's what they're going to be having, and then next year in 2022, there will be an election cycle. So again, now's a good time to check on your voter status to see if you are registered, to see if your information, information are updated and if. Remember to register everybody that's 18 and over, as long as they are not a convicted felon or if not, their rights have been restored. And again, you know, this is very important voter registration, especially with the state of Arizona. And they are what, with the recent census count, what they're doing right now is the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission public hearing. I don't know if any of you guys heard about it, but one took place when Window Rock at the Navajo Nation Museum and then another one took place in Tuba City. I don't know if they're going to have another one, but that one is just stating the district lining of who represented us at the US Representative. And right now, that we have Tom O'Halloran with District 1, he represents us, his district or his, and then the state representative, the two state representative that represent us, Myron Tsosie and Jasmine Nygren their districts. It's the relining of those districts. That's what they're having a hearing about. So, I don't know if any of you know about it, about it, but just an FYI I. And a quick update. I wasn't aware of any of this until towards the end of last week. And again, like I said, this is just something that I would like to update

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and report at your chapter meeting to let your constituents know as well to as to what's happening in when it comes to the state elections. Any questions or anything? I am more than happy to answer. That is all. Thank you.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Aheehe, Ms. Honie for being able to jump on our meeting last minute, and I'm glad that you provided these updates in regards to the voters registration and being able to be prepared for our next election. So, if you have any other questions or comments for Ms. Honie?

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Madame Chair, my daughter.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: yes.

b. Council Delegate Eugene Tso

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: This redistricting is very urgent. Try to encourage the people. Anybody you see out there during the days. We need to really understand what the redistrict is and I will say, young lady, if you would share, clarify more in regards to the redistricting I am pretty sure there's boundaries that we need to be considering. So those are the things I am very critical about because Arizona is run by Republicans and most of the things are being done there is Republican. That's why Ducey also is Republican. So, make to be aware that these are coming down the line. That's going to really affect our democracy. It's not something that we're just going to glance at, there's something that we need to do something about. So, it's very critical if it does happen so teach people as much as you can. The young lady that presented, you really need to go out and really describe really to make them understand what this is going to be all about. Public hearings, public hearings on the Navajo Nation. We don't have any standards. We don't have any law. How we're going to do is just the only use the state law the federal government public hearing. We don't have any within the Navajo Nation, but we are, I guess they just use the federal government and also the ARS public hearing. So, our people don't really know what the public hearing is. We don't know what you have to do to understand what's going on in the state, the county or in the United States to really listen in. Really teach them. That is all I will speak about, Madame Chair, my daughter. Thank you.

Ms. Lite Honie: A quick response to that individual I will present in Dine at the Chapter Meeting that way it will be easier to understand. hours ago. You are right it's very important for each one of us. It does pertain to us. Redistricting, that has to do with census counts. They only count households. That is why this redistricting our US Representative Tom O'Halloran in Washington District 1, and our Arizona State Representatives Myron Tsosie and Jasmine Nygren will be redistricting boundaries with equal amount of residents to oversee. I can give you more at the chapter meeting with more information. So, then it's just not you guys, but it's also to our constituents.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Thank you again, Ms. Honie for presenting this evening, providing us that information.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: We have been getting a good amount of rain. I am wondering if we have any more sand bags out there for the people. We're going to figure out how to get some more. Leadership meeting on Wednesday at Twin Arrows regards to the AR, American Recovery Plan Act with the President and the Council Delegates. We are going to discuss Apache County. We will see how which division etcetera, and how it's going to work out. That is what we are going to discuss. Budget hearing all the month of August, everyday all day long, it's going to be like that. With the LOC, the meeting is going to be on Wednesday too. I don't know if that conflicts with the President's meeting. It's going to be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday then Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. That will us that do Oversight goes to the District Court, Police Department, Police Academy like those we oversee. We will be getting a budget. The most important I really want to stress all of these budgets is the legislative concern that we amended last year, budget session. We need to provide for those that have disabilities. I requested some but they won 3%. Then over that the concern over ninefold to the Division Directors to come in and start budgeting for it within their budget. Include them in because there are a lot of areas without access for disabled people. Even the doors are to narrow, even the restrooms, those are too narrow. They are not made for disabled people with wheelchairs, etcetera. Even though we need something done I told them. We've been trying to get contact with the President, even walked back two times with my letter,

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nothing. So, I don't know what he has but that is what I am going to be stressing across the whole division. Also, we have a legislation that we want forward to prosecutor. That one they said a work session, I don't know they haven't plan it for us. We need to get that work session done so that we can pursue that. The reason why we put it down is that it's just going to be open again maybe because when I asked how come you had this Chief Prosecutor open for a long time. So, it was because of that language. So, there is no way for them they said. How is it we educated people some are doctors, some are teachers at NTU. And they have second, third generations here. How come you don't think of them? It was just opened and people really debated over it all over the world comments coming in regards to that. It doesn't seem right. Personally, I thought it kind of makes us look real prejudice. That's what happened. We will be discussing that. And then this Title 17 amendments we worked on. It was tabled. That one also in the works again. I just had a meeting with the legal counsel in regards to that. So, we're going to push it again on that one. So, I've been asking the President also too why he veto. Are you guys working on it? How are you going to make it? They are not discussing it. I told them this is happening. People's dogs are attacking people. I can't say we have to wait for it for another week or month or another year. By the time people getting killed by dogs. This is not a light situation, this needs to be done right away, should have been done years ago. I have been saying. So, that when we're working on that one. I got another one for cross deputization of Apache County, Navajo County, and Bernalillo, then San Juan. We can help each other, by cross-deputizing them. It was like that was before it's no longer there. So, we don't need to reestablish that one might be by letter but it's a MOU with justice or in the state or might go into another legislation too. I have been working on that. I am trying to get things done. There are things happening on the reservation and sometimes, we have the Navajo Nation Academy has 18 weeks of training. Whatever they train in there it the same thing it comes out other states outside. We can easily commission with them. It is the same from that side too. So, it's easier to just cross deputize them. That is why I am working on that one. Then a few days ago, last week this flood can be fixed was kicked off. So, that one we're looking forward to, because to get the water that flooded from 191 to a turn off to the hospital. It flooded and pooled again. The business on this side got flooded again. of the world right now. So, we need to do something right there. We need a drainage system somehow that they don't have to have that problem with the business downtown, one by one. We did meet and discuss that. We also, I got some drop, but they're still making research. That one the census number to Anglo or African American or Mexican or any other nationalities because that were here for over 20 or 30 years and might be debated on the floor on what year born etcetera. Because the Navajo Nation should understand that we have other tribes that we adapted onto the Navajo Nation's clan. Several of them are like Áshjijnii, some are Hopis, some are Mą'ii deeshgiizhinii, Amos, then there are several different Apache, then Naaki dine. We already adopted them and we are already saying that we are that clan or that we are born for that clan. So why wouldn't we give the census to the other, a non-Indian that have been here with us for so long. Some of them going on to the second generation to third generation. They have been living here. Their children marry among us. They have grandchild here. So those we need to adopt them out because what they are paying out there, a lot of property taxes. That too. And then we've got another one, it's going to be, hopefully I can get it on the ball is Three Strikes Your Out regards to bootlegging and drug dealers. That one too, I am going to try to go after them because it's really, really taking effect on our younger generation. They really only start thinking in that way, and they speak that way and children are raised in that way of life. And night you can't even go out around Chinle. So that is why, we need to stop this. And the only way to stop them is really go after them for it. That Three Strike, they get caught three times they're going to be off the reservation and they're going to take their census number for a year or two years, five years, which is going to be debated on the floor. When they think right they can come back we are not disowning them but we don't need bootlegging or drug dealing on the reservation that shouldn't be on. We shouldn't have that. And it's really just really taking effect too much. Because of it, we need more police, more bars on the windows. Because of it, people have weapons. We are moving more towards fighting. So sometimes I feel like they're the owns the whole reservation and the states and the whole United States. They're the ones that running it. Sometimes, I think. But that's another one we're working on. And then also we've got the..... we push we want the words in there so we can put some business on there. They can hurry and give that on back to us. We have been hit that one hard. So, we can get business up there on

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the hill on top of the Holiday Inn. It would be really good. So, push that one. That's what we have been working on and the other thing that is the leadership meeting on Wednesday, wish you guys could maybe attend it or listen in on, so maybe you can figure out what the President has or you guys already know what they have. Just to think about. And then, I got another legislation for the Arizona Bill, I can't remember the number now. That one is coming. It is for Indians to be commission. To incorporate them. We proposed that Bill to be passed by Congress. I pushed that one too. That one is going to be NAABI I mean, the Council. They are going to make a Special Session. So those are some of the things that were right now, but I guess I forgot some of them. Maybe Joann can fill me in on those. Thank you. Joann.

LDA Joann Dedman: Sorry, I forgot to unmute. Thank you, Delegate Tso. I just wanted to add a couple more things that we are also working with former Attorney General Herb Yazzie in regards to homesite lease issues. Originally, when homesite leases were supposed to be issued out, they were only intended to assist those people who wanted to enter into a mortgage with the bank so that they could purchase the home. But then it started getting different uses. And that's the concern that Delegate Tso and former Attorney General Herb Yazzie have. So that's one of the subjects that we're also working on at this time.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Any questions for our Delegate or his LDA in regards to the report? OK, thank you for your report this evening. We will move on down next, reports can be made by myself, Chapter President, Ms. Rosanna.

c. Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: So, I will do a brief update and report on what we have been working on these past couple of weeks. We have been working to get these resolutions completed. I know we had a couple that have been pushed over, so we got those prepared and ready for our upcoming meeting. We've also been continuously meeting with our owners representative for one of our projects, the Vendor Village Project. We have been pushing to support it to continue to leave it on our list for our Department of Economic Development. So, we've been drafting rough timelines, schedules and what tasks still need to be completed. So those items are continuous updates also attended a couple of the Heavy Equipment Orientation via Zoom. They did have the session there at the Chapter house for the Chapter Managers, CSCs and other Staff. We've also, I've also attended the Navajo Nation Monsoon Relief updates, being that Chinle is located by Chinle Wash and Nazlini Wash and gets a lot of heavy, heavy rain that we need. We were trying to provide some possible proposed relief items in most cases, the wash area. We want to protect those that live near the Chinle Wash. So, we've been providing requests into Apache County, NDOT, BIA, as well as the Navajo Nation Department to ensure that our Chinle Chapter community people have their needs noted. So, there was ever an emergency. We have items documented. So, we have submitted two letters on behalf of Chinle Chapter so they understand the conditions of our roadways and schools started in the first of the month travel. We wanted to ensure that we were taking care of our community members. As our Delegate stated, we also attended the Army Corps of Engineers meeting for flood hazard assessment. We met with four ladies that came out of Sacramento, California, did a question-and-answer session, and then we also related to the job project walk through. So, we did observe a view the Chinle Chapter Wash area. Those that live near that existing berm adjacent to the wash. We took them to a few of the site locations. So, they have got to see the sediment, how much sediment within our wash, how hazardous our flood flooding areas can be. So, they did review that. We had other departments attend the meeting as well that provided information in regards to the existing data that could be used to help calculate the needs of our community flooding. And then we also took them up towards the hospital to review the drainage system that is currently just the dirt drainage system. So that was kind of a part of the meeting to review and assess some kind of infrastructure to help carry the drainage out properly. And then I've also attended a couple of work sessions and we've been working on a team to review our current Robert's Rules of Order, as well as the Solid Waste Ordinance. So, we have completed a work session in regards to those topics, trying to come up with questions and answers to provide these various departments so we can continue to move forward. We also had a couple of community members requests for assistance. So, we've been handling those

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with the Chapter Manager and his Staff. And we're constantly writing to get updates on our Local Sales Tax Ordinance, which is currently still sitting at the Navajo Election Administration. So, we've been following them, following up with that office via email. We've also are working to get an internal agreement completed for our Chinle RBDO for South Manuelito well, so our community members and others have access to livestock water, household water and their needs at that watering station. And then other than that, we are working to push our projects forward. We have not gotten any formal updates in regards to ARPA, so we are still waiting on the updates on that as well. Other than that, that concludes my report. Are there any questions? All right, if there are no other questions or comments, we will move on to the next report, which is by our Vice President, Ms. Shawna Claw.

d. Vice President Shawna A. Claw

Vice President (VP) Shawna Claw: Good evening, my report, it's not really a report, but I wanted to find out information. I did notice that there were flyers posted in the community for the CLUPC. And I just wanted to ask Walton, how many applications have you received or how many has the Chapter Administration received? I know the deadline said Friday, August 6th, but if I can get that question answered, please.

Chapter Manager (CM) Mr. Walton Yazzie: There's no applicants that applied at this time, none has been turned into the Admin.

VP Shawna Claw: Ok. So, then my question for the leadership team and the administration is that if we did not receive any applicants. What is going to be the recommendation? For myself, I think that we should be able to just appoint and then do it with equity so that each Chapter Official may go ahead and do a recommendation. So that we can go ahead and start working on that, and the reason is that we will be going up for a recertification and that's one of the projects that I want to work on, is to start getting that prepared. And then also I want to go ahead and work with the CLUPC since I do have past experience working with the CLUP so that we can start the process for that as well until they move into transition into rezoning committee. But right now, I think that we if we don't have any applicants, I'm not sure how else we are doing our announcement. I just want to commend the administration. I did hear our planning being broadcast on KTNB this morning. So, whoever sent in the announcement, good job. Keep that up. And then also, I just want to take some time to recognize Mr. Michael Dohi. I did read the email announcing that his last day was Friday. So, I do appreciate his service to the Chapter. As Delegate Tso and President did say we did meet with the Army Corps of Engineers. We were able to go out into the community and do almost like a bird's eye view of the community. One of the concerns that I heard from the residents that live near the wash area was that they recommend to the Chapter and also to the County that they build up the berm with rocks so that it's a little bit more permanent. And then also they wanted to know if they could be involved with the planning. So, I guess that goes in with what the four young ladies did mention about community involvement. So, if we can go ahead and take that into consideration, I think those are some good recommendations. And then also with our reopening plan, I know that it did state August. So, I think that, that's a good target date. And then also considering the schools and then also some of them have reopened today, I think we'll be hearing a lot of that response from the community. And then I think that's all the questions I had regarding our CLUPC. So, if I can hear some feedback for CLUPC since our deadline is this Friday. So, if anyone has any recommendations, but I did state my recommendation that if we could just go ahead and start thinking about maybe favorable appointees, that would be my recommendation. Thank you.

President Dr. President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you, Ms. Claw, for your report and questions in regards to CLUPC and acknowledgement of our Staff. So those of you that are on the call, I can share our screen here so you understand what we are talking about. So, we have put in an announcement out, this is going to be the second time around, we did advertise previously back in April and now we're advertising, we advertise the month of July. We're just kind of assuming that Covid has prevented a lot of our community members from attending or being available at this time. But the CLUPC that we are talking about is a Community Land Use Planning Committee member. We did and stuff. We did hang flyers throughout the community, but those only lasts so long, so we'll share it. Here is a position announcement. The Chinle Chapter Government has two committee members position, two committee member

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positions open for as Community Land Use Planning Committee, which is CLUPC. Therefore, we are looking for responsible, qualified and active members that are knowledgeable in land use efforts, initiatives and processes. We are seeking independent, open minded task driven individuals who are eager to work with local community members in gathering and supporting information that will have a lasting effect on the Chinle community. Those individuals interested must have a background/ and or awareness of the following: knowledge of land use, effort, survey clearances, assessments, knowledge of map reading, blueprints, legal surveys and descriptions, knowledge of GPS mapping and software, knowledge of construction methods, whether it's residential, commercial, industrial and heavy Highway, (5) knowledge and understanding of utilities and infrastructure, water, electrical, sewer and telecommunications. (6) Knowledge of business management, Economic Development. (7) Understanding of local grazing, agricultural and environmental issues. (8) understanding of technology, computers, GPS, handheld units and other devices. (9) Knowledge and understanding of Navajo culture and traditions. (10) must have public speaking communication skills and overall be a team player. So, we put it out for if you're interested, submit the following your Chinle Chapter voter's registration card, resumé, a letter of interest, which includes your background, goals, aspirations and overall objectives. The interviews may be contingent upon submissions, so this is one of the past fliers. But that is what we are discussing at this time, knowing the Chinle area we have a lot of various employees from different departments. So, you can see the wide range of advertisements that we have solicited, whether you have a background, for instance, NTUA, Apache County, being at NTU, being in the construction fields, understanding the local community members, having the Navajo background understanding. So, it's pretty open. We did leave it open to where you submit your information. We tried to add a couple of clarifications. We did revise and update per our earlier meetings. So that was the advertisement that we put together and updated for our specific CLUPC. But obviously it has been posted. I don't think it's on our website. I think we just did hard flyers. Did we Walton? Or did we post on the website, too? I can't remember.

CM Mr. Walton Yazzie: On the website, I believe it was up, but we removed that advertising for the home discretionary.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok, so we can probably put it back on there whenever we get a chance. I obviously I think it's a lot of the Covid restrictions because the CLUPC would have to be able to gather or meet or have access to a computer if they do virtual meetings. So, I think we could open the solicitation, see if there's students that are returning to our university locally that might be interested as well. So that would be my recommendations or extending it, because right now we're currently having most of our departments still reopening. Any other comments on that from other officials for anybody else?

S/T Roann Burbank: Madam Chair, I think you're right about expanding it. That's my recommendation, is to extend it.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok and we can do that. Obviously, I understand the circumstances that everybody is in. So, it's no rush like we mentioned. So, we can propose an extension and we can discuss again at our next meetings together as officials to see what kind of timeline we want to put on it again, because it has been available once in April and we kind of just put a brake on it because we figured it was Covid-19 affective. So.

VP Shawna Claw: If we're going to

Spoke over each other

CM Mr. Walton Yazzie: In the past, in the past that we didn't have nobody that applied just like how Ms. Claw mentioned, we went and got a bunch of people's names and their expertise in the Chinle area, and then we wrote out letters to them if they were interested to be appointed as a CLUPC member, because we had that same issue about four years ago. So, we just got together and we pulled some names and what they were experienced in and we wrote out letters, see if they could join us on the CLUPC, see just how Ms. Claw recommended.

VP Shawna Claw: So, if we're going to be doing an extension, I think maybe those qualifications need to be revisited. And just as Delegates Tso mentioned with the legislation regarding the prosecutor, the Navajo Nation Prosecutor. So those requirements, they were saying we're very far exceeding the applicant pool. So maybe I don't know. That's just an observation that I'm looking at. If we don't have anybody that has applied, maybe they're getting discouraged with

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all the qualifications. So that might be something that we have to look at as well. But just as Mr. Yazzie said, that would be the most I think the I don't want to say an easy fix right now, but we do have to get the CLUPC in there, because if we're trying to move towards rezoning, this group would have to help us redo our recertification and that recertification would Entail changing it to zoning. So, but we do have to try to get that going right now. So if we're going to make a extension, what day are we looking at?

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: We could extend it again for another month. I mean, we can try again to see if there are those that are interested within the community. Like I said, students are kind of back in session some in-person some are not. But we can try to put more advertisements back out there. And if we want to change the qualifications, etc., that are listed, we can discuss it at our upcoming work session as well.

S/T Roann Burbank: I think we should discuss it at the work session and change some of the qualifications and then extend it another month.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok, that sounds good to me. OK. All right, any questions or comments? If not, we will move on next to Ms. Roann, our secretary treasurer, to provide her report.

e. Secretary/Treasurer Roann Burbank

S/T Roann Burbank: Ok, good evening, everybody, I'm Roann in Burbank, I'm the secretary treasurer. It seems like, you know, my days are all the same. Most of the time is signing the payroll and then updating the resolutions, if I get any. So, we didn't get any this week. And then I listened into the Heavy Equipment Policy and Procedures, and I just listened in on what I could. And then I attended the Regular Chapter Meeting like the other week in July. So that's my report. But I don't have anything else. Thank you. Any questions? Comments?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Questions, comments Ms. Roann? If not, we can move on to our Grazing Representative, Oscar.

f. Grazing Representative Oscar Bia

Grazing Rep. Oscar Bia: Oh, Ya'ha'teeh, last July, the 20th, July 19 was the Chapter Meeting page line, and then the next the day on I start with a lot of the land disputes, animal disputes. that is what I have been working on. First, I did some branding. That is over in some places. There is a few more left. it is good that I get help from the Chapter. I am thankful. I cannot do it alone to bring down one and to brand. And then animal dispute I am working on, just to let you know. Cows owners, whoever is on the phone from home, certain areas. And then there was an argument over cows. there was a large herd walking through. How can it be done through rules or to side with the person. It is my responsibility and how I am going to do it. The decision is to surrender them. About 30 to 40 cows with the claves it going to go to auction. They can be taken there and there will be no arguments. There is not vegetation and even though raining and have water. These that you were providing for you will not provide for anymore because you are told not to provide anymore. That is what the argument was over and they agreed to surrender them. The permit holder and the provider shook hands and they will be taken to auction. for those that have livestock, be aware of that. It is them not the Navajo Nation doing it, arguing. I will be working on that. I don't know when they are going to be rounding those up and take them into maybe Red Valley or Cortez or Albuquerque or Bloomfield. So, I'm still looking for a trailer, a big stock trailer for this family. Trailers are hard to come by. And then I do some, some so, GPS for the people Some area, two family going against each other again. That need to be fixed. And then there's a lot of reports to hay sellers at the flea market. So, there's a lot of rocks and clay in them. They want it to stop but it's up to the balers from different country. It might be that they turn their rig low or something like that to pack with that piece of rock, gravel, and also clay. On that one, I talked to one seller down in Phoenix. I've got the number. And he told me I can't do anything about. It is the rig that picks it up like that. And then there's another report says there are some snakes in the hay. One said his livestock ate it and they went wild, something like that. That is not my responsibility, the baler don't look into those fields and they bale like that, my answer back. Then some areas the earth dams receded probably because of the rain. I don't have any equipment and the Navajo Nation is planning to fix locations. Also tally of sheep, there are many

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reservations. And then, several locations have flooded again, north of Chinle that. There was hogan flooded with water. So, I told my the Chapter Manager, Walton about that. So, maybe that can be situated some way. I don't know, this one hogan got flooded with water. Then another house has water pooled around it. How else can it be done, grab a shovel and start making a small ditch away from the house, I told him. There is overflow and flood, that is where we went with the Army Corps however as I followed them I went into a quicksand in some places. I don't know how they are going to fix that for us. I just told them that for the people that live on the north side when we get storms. Right now, that wash is a road to his home. So, is there a way we can help that family, put a bank around it or sand bag or anything before it really gets flooded? When the water entered is home all his stuff got effected. I tell them I have no funding and that Jonathan Nez might have a lot of funding. Then there is Land Use. There are some people north of this Chapter house. they too are complaining of Land use Permits. The person claiming to be the land owner, I'm working on that with one of the Officer. So, there is one, one individual move his trailer, travel trailer to a land owner's land. Claiming it didn't belong to him. That one too, I'm working on that. I don't know how I will resolve, we are going to do that. But the Officer said I want that travel trailer to be moved. he was told that. So I'm just forwarding on that too. Just to let the Chinle community know that Route 7. There's a lot of cows at night across the road. When one gets hit and I am told it is my responsibility that the insurance company that they are calling me, whose cow and brand it is and all of that. I investigated that and the, the owner said I don't have any money, maybe the road department, BIA, are not taking care of their cattle guards. It's all full with sand and the fence along the road. It's not been fixed or its cut, it's open. So, the cows and horse go through there. Work on that they said. They go over to the road when we are sleeping. Even though take care of them, and I told you that was going to happen someday and that time is now. Now we have the insurance complaining. They want animal insurance, livestock. So, be careful driving at night here through Route 7. It's all that way from the road it's like that. It always happens when you're sleeping good the Police calls and says the cow/horse has been hit. So, I contact the owners and they just laugh at me. They say they are not your cows, why don't you just, why are you over there? You too, I tell them. That is my report up to today my children. Then, take care of yourselves there is more bad news. Take very good care of yourselves my Officials and people. Inform each other. then it has been turning green and some windmills have restarted. So family, west side, they are happy about that. it restarted and filled halfway. livestock are watering but they are also going to pooled waters. Then be careful of the roadways, don't cross any washes, Ok? That will be my report, thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you, Oscar for your report. Any questions or comments on reports?

Mr. Danny Francis: This is Danny. I have a question for Oscar.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, go ahead Danny.

Mr. Danny Francis: My Nali, Oscar.

Grazing Rep. Oscar Bia Sr.: Yes.

Mr. Danny Francis: Ya'ha'teeh.

Grazing Rep. Oscar Bia Sr.: Yes, Ya'ha'teeh my Nali.

Mr. Danny Francis: Yes, I want to ask if there is any updates about this Access Re-route we have been asking about. We haven't met with the Behavioral Health yet. What is it like right there?

Grazing Rep. Oscar Bia Sr.: I have been going to Window Rock or calling. Sometimes the calls are not being answered. So, I have to in, in person, my Nali. I have not met with them again yet. I did meet with BIA. There is road east of the Behavioral Health and there is one land use and why we don't make the road in there because there has be no resident on it in four (4) years and it is not being used for farming. There is no homesite lease and permit is just being held. The person from there is not complaining and said why don't you just make it the road. There is still danger if we do that. It is still up in the air, my Nali. Wherever it is at, I have been leaving messages, but I haven't gotten a call back from Salaby, from Window Rock.

Mr. Danny Francis: That is all I am asking about, my Nali. Thank you, Madame.

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President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Any other questions on reports or comments? OK, well, thank you so much for providing a report this evening. I would like to now request for a motion to accept all reports that have been stated and as well as the second.

Motion by: Shawna Claw

Second by: Oscar Bia

Discussions:

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained:1

Reports have been accepted.

XI. Next scheduled Regular Chapter Meeting Date: 8-16-2021 Time: 5:00 PM.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: **Next Virtual meeting.**

President Rosann Jumbo-Fitch: We will carry over these recommended resolutions onto that agenda as well. And again, everybody be safe. Be careful as you travel. We did request assistance on sandbags. So, we are trying to work together with Apache County to provide those for those community members that need them. So, we are trying to get those items prepared. And then there's also updated meetings that are upcoming. So, we are keeping track of those requests that we receive from our community members. So, again, thank you for those attending our meeting this evening. We have concluded we are going to request for an adjournment motion for adjournment. It is now 6:51 p.m.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Madame Chair, one comment.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: I didn't hear you; can you say that again?

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: just a little to inform some people.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, go ahead.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Today from.... Arlington, Virginia. The flag was raised, and ceremony and flag taken back down, folded and it was given to the Navajo Nation. They are probably bringing that back, and that we are approaching Code Talker's Day. I just wanted you to be aware of that. that is it. Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you.

CM Mr. Walton Yazzie: Ms. Jumbo, one more thing too. That's. But one more thing, too, For the sandbags, we did already get some prepared, if they need some sandbags, they just have to contact us. We did already bag up about two hundred, and we do have it ready in the back of the warehouse. We did prepare some are ready if they need some sandbags out there.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you, Walton. That was quick. All right. Well, no other comments or questions we are going to request again for adjournment. It is now 6:53 p.m.

XII. Adjournment at 6:53 PM

Motion by: Shawna Claw

Second by: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions:

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained:1

Submitted by



Secretary/Treasurer Roann Burbank