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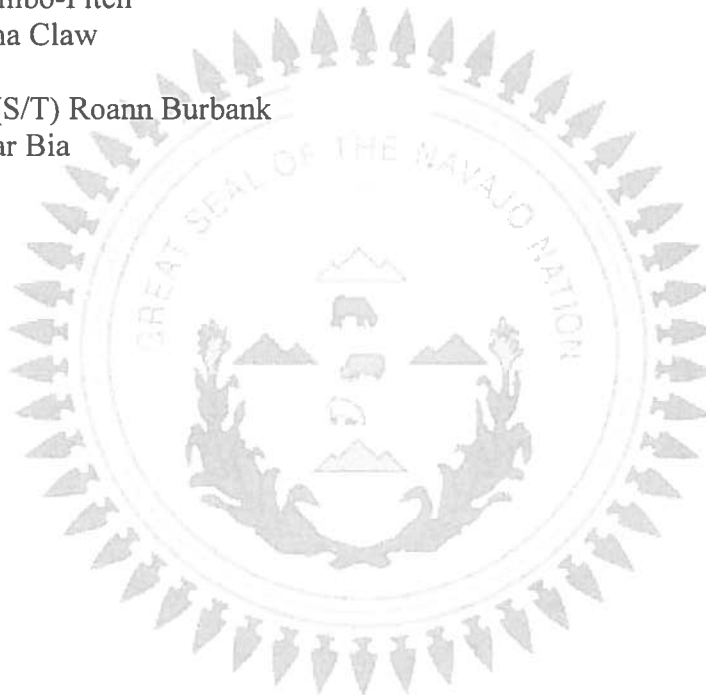
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Chinle Chapter  
Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2021  
5:00 pm

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

II. Roll Call

District 7 Arizona State Representative Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren  
Council Delegate Eugene Tso  
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch  
Vice President Shawna Claw  
LDA Joann Dedman  
Secretary/ Treasurer (S/T) Roann Burbank  
Grazing Official Oscar Bia  
Danny Francis  
Edward Francis  
Ferrenda Jake  
Ilene Thomas  
TiShawna Spencer  
Walton Yazzie  
Keona Manuelito  
Michael Francis  
Lincoln  
Judy Bahe  
Loella Peterson  
BettyRose Draper  
Michael Dohi  
Fredrick Sherman



III. Invocation by S/T Roann Burbank

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

**Motion by: Oscar Bia**

**Second by: TiShawna Spencer**

**Discussions:**

**Vote:**

**8**

**Opposed:**

**0**

**Abstained: 1**

V. Review and Approval of June 21, 2021 Regular Planning Chapter Meeting Minutes

**Motion by: Danny Francis**

**Second by: TiShawna Spencer**

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**Discussions:**

**Vote: 10**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 1**

VI. Review and Approval of June 2021 Financial reports by Secretary/ Treasurer Roann Burbank

**Motion by: Ferrenda Jake**

**Second by: Danny Francis**

**Discussions**

**Vote:**

**11**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 1**

VII. Announcements:

- a. Navajo Department of Health declares "Yellow Status" for schools, issues guidelines for youth programs, and allows parks to welcome visitors and tourists.
- b. Police drive, Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. (DST), the Recruit drive will consist of a written examination, NPOST, and POPAT. Tuba City District 240 South Main Street, Suite C Tuba City, Arizona 86045
- c. July Plastic Free month. July 30, 2021 from 9 Am to 10:00 Am, 1 hour session. More information at [www.nnstaffdevelopment@navajo-nsn-gov](mailto:www.nnstaffdevelopment@navajo-nsn-gov) or call Vera A. Hyatt at 928-871-6692.

VIII. Community Concern:

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: We have Mr. Danny Francis Access Road. I know there's a few individuals that have called in and let's see here. We have been meeting on this topic with a couple of our team members, we've met with Mr. Mike Salaby, I believe, with his name with Department Behavioral Health Services. We've also had a meeting with our Grazing Representative, Mr. Oscar Bia, who's also on the call. So, as of last week, we are still working to find a family that is living adjacent to your parcel. On Parcel C1 right now. There's a lot of meet with this person, meet with that person. So, Mr. Francis and your family members that are on the call, the recommendations to we're trying to recommend finding those family members that live across there to possibly create an access road on that portion. In the meantime, the BIA is leaving parcel C1 open at this time, as well as parcel D1. We are trying to work on getting more information from the BIA department themselves. So, emails have been sent and we have not received any information as far as Chinle Chapter. Is there any other updates, Oscar? Do you have any updates? All right, Mr. Francis, I also, if you have any other information, you can share that as well.

a. Danny Francis Access Road

Danny Francis: Ok, first, let me go ahead and say thank you to the Chapter Officials, as well as the LDA, Administration staff and then community members that are listening. My name is Danny Francis on behalf of the residents north of Behavioral Health. We continue to advocate for this re-route access road to south to directly to N7. And we also contacted the land owner for the north side of the open big area, and she is pretty much aware of it. Her name is Mae Genelle Brown. She's aware of it. And we shared all the resolution that were in place at this time. So, in any given time that she would like to take part in any meetings that are going to be held to present on behalf of her mother, Ethel Brown. So, that's basically what we have now. So, we continue to listen out for any updates regarding the road access issue. And we're glad to hear that there's a meeting going on with Mr. Salaby as well as the Grazing person, and then

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some recommendations we heard. So, we continue to address the access road issue with the Chinle Chapter. Madam President, thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, thank you. So, it's definitely an item that's going to take a little bit of time. So, we are still trying to get make sure we gather all the documentation we need. So, we'll probably schedule another meeting to follow up on that section, because I know we have to meet with Mr. Salaby again to kind of review their project phasing process. So, that's all I have in regards to updates. And then we'll keep you posted again via email. I know we want to get the access routes completed.

Mr. Danny Francis: Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

- IX. Old Business:  
a. NONE

- X. New Business:

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: With that, let's move on. And if there's any other information that comes up from our Grazing Rep., we'll allow him to talk to. We do not have any old business on our agenda. New business, let me post our agenda here, we have two resolutions at the beginning of our agenda CHIN-JUL-21-043, and to SUPPORT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO RETAIN THE CHINLE WATER RESOURCES WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AT CHINLE, ARIZONA. We do not have any written resolution for that item. So, we are going to postpone this resolution. Let me read item B as well. CHIN-JUL-21-044SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO FUNDS FOR CHINLE CHAPTER COMMUNITY NINE (9) WINDMILLS FOR PARTS AND MAINTENANCE This item, we also don't have a resolution. So, these two I am recommending to move into our August Chapter Meeting Agenda. So, those two items we will not be voting on tonight as we do not have any documentation. But let's see here. So with that, we are going to go skip over those two and again, I guess we can get a probably a motion to recommend to move those into our next chapter meeting. So, we can formally carry it across our agendas, recommend to have a motion for the have resolution forty-three (43)and forty-four (44) moved on to our August agenda. So we can keep track of the resolution numbers.

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

**Postponed.**

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

**Postponed. Motioned move to August Agenda.**

**Motion to move to August Agenda by: Walton Yazzie Second by: Danny Francis**

**Discussions:**

**Vote: 11**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 1**

**Motion carries.**

- c. **CHIN-JULY-21-045: THE CHINLE CHAPTER SUPPORTS KEONA MANUELITO'S MASTER THESIS STUDY "SOCIOENVIRONMENTAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL INFLUENCES ON DIET INTENTIONS OF NAVAJO CHILDREN: A SECONDARY DATA ANALYSIS OF THE YE'EGO HEALTHY EATING AND GARDENING PROJECT CHILDREN'S BASELINE SURVEY".**

**Motion by: TiShawna Spencer**

**Second by: Ferrenda Jake**

**Discussions:**

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Keona Manuelito: Hi, Ya'ha'teeh I guess I will. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your meeting today. As Madam President has said, my name is Keona Manuelito. I am Metal people born for Tódich'ii'nii, grandfather are Áshjìhi and Paternal grandfathers are Naaki. I am welcome to answer any of your questions or any interest that you may have about my study. Just please feel free to ask me if you have anything.

BettyRose Draper: Oh, yeah, good evening this is BettyRose Draper. I am Áshjìhi Hooghan lání Tó'aheedlínii and Tsi'naajinii. I want to see I want to ask you, where are you going to be teaching this Yeego?

Keona Manuelito: The Yeego project is actually already being conducted at and has already been conducted or some of the research. I believe they are doing for research at six (6) different schools within the Navajo Nation area. The reason why I'm seeking Chinle Chapter's, because two (2) of the schools of Chinle and Canyon De Chelly Elementary, are within the catchment area of study. So, that is Why I'm seeking the Chinle's approval for my study. But as for the Yeego project, that is already being conducted currently.

BettyRose Draper: Ok, thank you.

Michael Dohi: Hello. This is Michael.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Hi Michael. Any other questions for Miss Manuelito at this time? All right, well, we will proceed with our vote count and I will go by our list that we have of those in attendance and we will start from there.

**Vote: 13**

**Opposed:**

**0**

**Abstained: 1**

**Resolution is approved.**

- d. **CHIN-JULY-21-046: SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FOR CHAPTER STIPENDS.**

**Resolution change number to CHIN-JULY-21-046**

**Motion by: Danny Francis**

**Second by: TiShawna Spencer**

**Discussions:**

**Vote: 12**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 2**

- e. **CHIN-JULY-21-047: APPROVING BUDGET CHANGES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT.**

**Motion by: TiShawna Spencer**

**Second by: Danny Francis**

**Discussions:**

**Vote: 13**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 1**

**Motion carries.**

XI. Reports:

XII. President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: The next item on our agenda, we have reports, we have a guest this evening, our first reports going to be from our District seven, Arizona state representative Miss Jasmine, Blackwater Nygren. Miss Jasmine, the floor is yours. Thank you.

XIII.

- a. District 7 Arizona State Representative - Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren

Ms. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren: Good afternoon. Can you hear me ok?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, we can. Thank you.

District 7 Arizona State Representative - Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren:

Ok. Ya'ha'teeh. My name is Jasmine Blackwater Nygren. I'm a member of the Arizona State House of Representatives. I represent Legislative District seven (7). That includes the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Nation, the Havasupai Walapai, Kaibab Paiute, Southern Paiute, White Mountain Apache, San Carlos

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Apache, as well as the Zuni tribe in northern and north eastern Arizona. I also represent small towns in between those tribal communities, including the city of Page, going all the way down to St. John's area. My clans are, well, I am Hasht ł 'ishnii, born for Áshjìhi Nóóda'i dine' é Táchi'íinii are my grandfather and Bit'ahnii are my paternal grandfathers. I am from Red Mesa, Arizona. I, we just finished up our legislative session back in June. I was appointed to this position in February, mid-February, when former State Representative Arlando Teller stepped down to accept a position in the Biden Administration at the US Department of Transportation. So, I was appointed back in February by the Apache County Board of Supervisors who voted to appoint me to this position. I've been serving with the legislature now since then. I finished out this past legislative session and really excited to represent Legislative District seven (7) and all of them, including all of you in Chinle area. I was listening to your meeting for the last hour or so, and it sounds like you accepted a report from US Secretary and former Representative Arlando Teller so excited that you still keep in contact with him and that it sounds like you all had a really good working relationship with him as a state representative. So, I'm just very excited and humbled to be before you and to represent your interests as well as in our nation's interests at the state level. As far as some of the work that I've done here at the state legislature, I've really been focused on getting infrastructure built and fighting for funding for roads on the Navajo Nation, as well as making sure that our public schools are funded and voting against any bills or decreases in funding for public schools. I am a member of the Democratic Party. So unfortunately, the Democratic Party is in the minority at the Arizona House of Representatives, there's thirty-one (31) Republicans and twenty-nine (29) Democrats in the House and there are 16 Republicans and 14 Democrats in the Senate. And as you all are probably aware, our governor for the state of Arizona is also a Republican. So, as a member of the minority party, it's really hard for me to push my own agenda and bills on behalf of the Navajo Nation. But I am doing my best and I am definitely fighting for our schools and our roads and the Navajo Nation as well. I met with your Delegate, Honorable Eugene Tso. I believe it was back in March and he shared with me some of the funding priorities that and projects that he has on behalf of the Chinle Chapter. And so, he has been very open and he has been a strong advocate for your community as well. And that's, that's what I have for you, I wanted to introduce myself. I was appointed to this position, so I haven't had the experience of going out to communities and campaigning. And I didn't go through that process. But I am very excited to represent you and your community and hopefully we can work together and continue working together. Some of the bills that I helped push this legislative session include former Representative Arlando Teller's Bills. And so, one of his bills were, was signed into law this session and helped push that through the House, the Senate and got it signed by the Governor. And that bill would allow our Native American students in the state of Arizona to wear their traditional tribal regalia to their graduation ceremonies. So that was a bill that former Representative Teller was really pushing for a few years and finally was able to get that signed into law this past session. A few other bills that were signed into law include a bill that was introduced by Senator Peshlakai, who also represents Legislative District 7, is a bill that recognizes the Navajo Code Talker Day in the state of Arizona on August 14th. And so, those are some of the bills that really have a direct impact on our tribal nations and for our Navajo constituents. There are a few other bills that that we were working on. Unfortunately, they weren't signed into law. But we will, we will keep fighting for those and keep fighting for funding priority for our projects in our areas as well. So, thank you for having me. I really appreciate being on this call and being introduced to you all. I know with Covid you're still not

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having in person chapter meetings, but I really appreciate the invitation to be before you and to talk to the chapter and the community of Chinle. Ahe'hee, Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ahe'hee, Thank you, Miss Blackwater-Nygren. We will open the floor for any questions or comments from community members or any others that are on the call.

Vice President Shawna Claw: Hello, good evening. Good evening

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Go ahead. Yes, we can hear you.

Vice President Shawna Claw: Ok, I would like to say a few words. First I will say Thank you, my little sister Jasmine. This is me, Shawna. I will introduce myself first. I am Hooghan ł áni and Hasht ł 'ishnii are the same clan. So, you are my little sister. I am born for Tódich'ii'nii, Táchii'nii are my grandfather and Kiyaa'áanii are my paternal grandfathers. That is how I am a mother and woman. As a female Official, I am grateful and you know of the Navajo Nation, and has completed higher education in Phoenix. She works both Navajo and English with great responsibilities. I am grateful and Thank you. I just want to say thank you to our state representative, Miss Blackwater Nygren, for joining us this evening. And I'm very thankful that she was able to introduce herself and just talk about some of the bills that do affect our everyday life. Just as she mentioned, the traditional regalia, our clothes, skirts, moccasins, jewelry is where our strength is. So, those types of things, our students take pride in the way they dress, especially during a time of accomplishment. And for her to be a part of that and to stand for that, I'm very thankful. And then I know that Jasmine is an advocate for the people, not just Navajo's in general, but for all indigenous people. We are very proud of the work that she does. She is a Bar member with the Navajo Nation, as well as licensed within the state of Arizona. So, I just want to continue to say thank you for your advocacy and then also thank you for joining us to do your introduction to the community. And we do look forward to building that partnership to where we can talk to you about some of those projects that you mentioned, the infrastructure as far as our student education as well. Those are priorities here within our community. So I just wanted to say thank you and welcome to Chinle Community. And I just want to say that we accept your report, Ahe'hee.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you, Vice President, for your. Comments and information provided there. Thank you again, Miss Jasmine. I know we weren't able to meet in person, so we do really appreciate you providing us the time to have you introduce yourself. And I know we have a lot of community members that have been pushing questions, sending emails and providing information on existing projects. So, we appreciate your support on those that are being provided and presented to you and your staff. And as always, if you have any questions, Chinle Chapter's open and we have open meetings. So, we appreciate you supporting us and our community members in regards to our needs and our projects. So, thank you again. Does any other community members have any questions for Miss Blackwater Nygren? OK, well, thank you again, Jasmine, for being in attendance to our meeting and calling in and listening to our meeting as we got started, I noticed you were on the call, so thank you again. Ahe'hee.

Ms. Jasmine Blackwater-Nygren: Thank you for having me.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: All right, well, we will move on to the next item on our agenda, under-report, we had the EPA solid waste representee that was going to be on the call this evening. Mr. Frederick Sherman.

EPA Solid Waste Ordinance: Fredrick Sherman:

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Hello, can you hear me?

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President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Oh, yes. Good evening Mr. Sherman.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Ya'ha'teesh, my name is Fredrick Sherman. My clans are Naasht'ézhi Tábaqahá born for Tódich'ii'nii Kin í ichii'nii T í 'izí lání are my grandfathers and Lók'aa' are my paternal grandfathers. I work for Navajo EPA. Talks about the Solid Waste Ordinance for Chinle Chapter Community. Some of us do not take care of our wastes. Repair the daily broken rules and ask for them to clean up waste. Rules made by the Chinle Chapter Government were discussed at the meeting with Navajo EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Program and Chinle Chapter Government. We have met four or three times. The waste, about 4 or 5 years ago funds were given by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, the federal government provided funding to Navajo EPA through their general assistance fund. And we did some community cleanup in the greater Chinle area, did some cleanup in Twin Trails, old airport road, new airport road and Red Pond road. I think it was called Red Pond road. We pick up all the trash there and hauled to the dump. After that it was stated it will be Chinle Chapter Government's responsibility again. Both the elected Officials and the Chapter Staff, it's up to you to ensure that these dumpsites don't reoccur, and that was how I excused it as soon as the project was done. So, I do look upon the dumpsites, old airport, new airport. I haven't been to Twin Trails yet, and I have been to Red Pond road. Some of those issues are reoccurring again, unfortunately, trash is being dumped there again. I speak about out not wanting people to dump waste. Chinle chapter might speak out to some extent also. The discussion is how to deal with the new dumps might be good. An ordinance might be a good direction. That way the chapter can oversee it. We have been meeting about that to resolve the issue. That will be my update. He thanks the Officials for giving him time to speak.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, thank you Mr. Sherman for information provided on the Navajo Nation EPA. I invited Mr. Sherman to come on this evening to provide information since we've been working with the ARPA funds, allocation, support letters, we as Chinle Chapter have been really working on trying to clean up, clean up trash, clean up dump sites, how to prevent it, trying to come up with ways and methods and ideas on how we can inform our community members. We understand that we have issues with our transfer station, whether too small, we can accept all trash. We don't accept recycle. There's a lot of major dump sites that need to be resurveyed, as according to Mr. Sherman, there's some that have been cleaned but now are looking like dump sites again. So, we wanted to provide our community members information and also this time to ask Mr. Sherman if you have any questions, comments or information for their department. We've also reviewed this item at our work session with our Officials and Staff to also provide some input and feedback in regards to how we can inform and work with our community members. So, I will open it up right now for questions and comments.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Ya'ha'teesh, this is BettyRose Draper out of Canyon Del Muerto. I know about that Twin Trail area. I'm happy that you're looking over places and trying to clean it up, but my concern is where or what can be done with the ones that are right alongside the houses, right alongside the highways, like down Chinle. Right across from Holiday Inn there's a two-story high house that is built there, and in the, right towards the road there's a bunch of trash that goes down. And when we report it to Many Farms they want to said that "You have to have evidence". You have to see who dumped the trash right there. Now, what can be done with that? Is that true or what do we have to do? And go to that person and tell them to clean it up? That's what I'd like to know.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Ya'ha'teesh for questioning. I work for the Navajo EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Program. If we know who it is we work with them. A report is made and they are informed to

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clean it up. That is how it works. So, you know, evidence. Those are real good. If you catch them doing it, take a photo of it. Also, I can meet with you and I can certainly go through the garbage to see if I can find any names or any type of evidence leading to a conviction of that individual, the perpetrators, the responsible parties. That is how we work, you make them clean that up. Those that are responsible for their garbage. You ask about along the road, that is litter. We do have Navajo Nation regulations under the, under the Police Code, I think it was Title 17, it refers to litter. If you are seen littering by Police, they can pull you over and fine you litter. Some garbage is obvious who it belongs to. Like maybe it's in their backyard and they're the only ones that have access to it. They would be the ones that would be required to clean it up. Then, there are some illegal dumpsites. You really can't tell whose garbage it is. Like, for example, the dumping that's occurring at New Airport Road where the bridge is. It is a drive by dump site. They just pull up to it dump it over the bridge and then continue driving. You can't really say somebody is responsible for that. So, those kind, that's where I would need the public's help for you to be, the eyes and the ears out there in the community. I have work with individual families. They work, they became vigilant with certain illegal dump site. And they have found who the person is. And they found out where they live. They find out what time of the day they dump. They find out what vehicles are being used from a certain household. And they took photos of them actually dumping on a distance and then license plates and whatnot. So, they really did a good job in developing the case at all of that. They just provide it to me. I provide, I write, I develop my case and I bring it to them and make them realize that on this day, at this time, this vehicle dump a load of trash at this particular dump site. That is work I work on, Those responsible are required to clean it up. They must provide us a receipt that it's properly disposed of. So, they're in the greater Chinle area, most likely a receipt from the Chinle transfer station would do. Date, time, make model of vehicle that's hauling the load of garbage. You know, those are justifiable, Addo. Usually the family that reports to me, they'll monitor that dump site and they'll say; that person so and so is cleaning up now. So, I'll be aware of it and oftentimes I'll expect some kind of a response from their perpetrators that are dumping. I asked him what day and time did you clean up and what was the date and time that you dispose of your garbage and do you have a receipt for it? So, I make sure that the stories match the story of the informant, meaning somebody on the ground telling me this state time they're cleaning up right now. And then that should also match and correspond with the date and time of when they haul the garbage into the transfer station. So, that is how we work with people. That's how you would work with me as far as getting some of these dump sites cleaned up.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: The thing about this one, NPS warned him to clean it up, everybody knows who's, who's trash is right there.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Is it the family themselves? Is it the family that lives on the hill directly across the highway and south of Holiday Inn?

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Not directly, a little bit farther down as you go, where that sign says, what was it, Visitor Center or something with that big sign that goes right at the, what is of what you call a rest area there, you stop on the site and right up the hill. You can't miss it. You all you had to do is look to your south side. And there is that two story house.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: That is the one. That is the one. Across from Holiday Inn. There's a hill with garbage falling down from there. On the east side of the campground. If you look in the tree line it is the same. I did let them know about it and I did give them literature material and I did do a notice of violation.

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At that time, I work with Nora, with the Park Service and she identified which families live where. So, it sounds like I need to do a revisit. And then this is where we're working on this. This is where I need to know if have homesite lease, if they don't have a homesite lease because there's other, other ways of addressing with those families how to deal with them.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: That that one makes it look terrible because we've got a lot of tourists that go through there towards the canyon and then the welcome center, so that the one I really have a problem with. I have, really bother with.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Yup, there's a family that's directly north of the Chinle School District Administration.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Yeah

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Then there's that family if you are driving east right by Holiday Inn. They are up to something, there's burned barrels and garbage alongside the house is an array and gathered outwards. So, we do discuss those sites.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Are you the only one that's working on this or do you have people?

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: I have just two other people. That's it. So, there is only three of us to cover the entire Navajo Nation. On top of this, we need to also have our judicial system, our courts, they need to be they need to take illegal trash dumping seriously. Even our courts are overwhelmed. Like, if I were to bring *Talking over each other.*

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Yup, they are.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: somebody to court. There are serious conversations that are being had. Enough is enough. People are making fun with garbage and some of them do it deliberately against their neighbors.

BettyRose Draper: Well, we need to some act

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: I hope I answered your question, though.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Yeah, you did, Thank you.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Yes.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Oh, all right, thank you, Mr. Frederick, for your information. Does anybody else have any questions or comments for Mr. Frederick Sherman? All right, well, Mr. Sherman, I'm sure we'll talk to you again soon, we'll schedule another meeting. We've also shared the information with our other officials and staff. So, we'll have a little bit more feedback during our next, next meeting with your team as well. So, thank you again for being able to be on the call this evening. I know this is an issue with a lot of communities and we want to be able to address it properly. So, thank you again for being able to share and explain and provide some information in regards to Chinle Chapter. Thank you, again.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: Yes, if you have any questions or if you want to talk to me directly, my office phone number is (928) 781-7923.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you.

Mr. Fredrick Sherman: That is it. Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you.

- b. Veterans Department: Commander Pete Tsinnijinnie  
**Not on call.**

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President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: All right. Next item on our agenda, under-report, we've also invited Mr. Pete Tsinnijinnie from the Veterans Department. Mr. Tsinnijinnie, are you on the call this evening? OK, well, if he's not on the call this evening, we'll invite him to another future meeting. We invited him since we were working with the, the nursing home projects, as well as supporting the veterans program. So I invited him to provide some information. But if he's not available, we can revisit at another time.

- c. Chinle Community Wellness: Nancy Avery, Judith Jake, and team  
**Not on call.**

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: I've also had under-report our Chinle Community wellness team. If Nancy, Avery, Judith or anybody else from that team is also available. OK. All right, if not, we've also been working with the community wellness with the ARPA funds. I guess I'll just provide a little bit feedback and then we will reinvite them. We've been working with Nancy and Judith. They approach our Chapter Administration team and provided some feedback in regards to the overwhelming needs of community wellness. So I invited them this evening to provide some information and data that they have collected in their office released for it to be shared. So that's why I wanted them on the call this evening. But if not, we will invite them to our next upcoming meeting so they are able to present that information to each of the community members at that time.

- d. Council Delegate Eugene Tso

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: So we'll move on to our next item on the reports is for our Council Delegate, Honorable Eugene Tso, Miss Joann, is he available at this time?

LDA Joann Dedman: Thank you, Madam Chair. I did text him that he was next, I didn't anticipate that the two presenters before him would not show up. I thought he would have a little bit of time if he was talking to a couple of seconds ago. So let me continue to text him. But his report was emailed, as well as a press announcement about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers award. And I know you sent me an email regarding the July 28 event. I'm not sure exactly what more information that you would need, Madam Chair, if you could be more specific. I'm happy to provide that information.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Oh, yes. Thank you. And I did pull up his report. So those on the computers can read it. But the July 28, we just wanted to confirm if it's an all day meeting or I see on here we have a visit from one o'clock. So, it looks like it's an all day meeting, correct?

LDA Joann Dedman: Yes, ma'am, in the morning, they will have an in-person there at the Chapter house and then in the afternoon they're going to have a field visit to visit the sites that continually flood. So, it is an all day event, Madam Chair.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you. All right, well, we can go ahead.

LDA Joann Dedman: So thank you. And just to let you know that the central Navajo Veterans Organization commander, Mr. Pete Tsinnijinnie, actually resigned his position last month. So, the vice commander is now in charge. His name is Timothy Johnson. And he, he is probably the next person to contact. But just for your information Pete Tsinnijinnie will be recognized by the Navajo Nation Council on Wednesday at 9 AM for his volunteerism and all of the things he did for veterans during the pandemic. So that's just for your information, Madam Chair.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you for providing that information Ahe'hee. Can you just let me know if our Delegate Tso is available to present now or if he needs a little bit more time so.

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LDA Joann Dedman: I did text him. Hopefully he'll be calling in shortly and if once he calls in, if you could just please allow him to report at that time because he's still on the first day of the Navajo Nation Council session. It would be appreciated Madame Chair.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes. Thank you.

LDA Joann Dedman: Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: We will give our Delegate here a couple minutes to see if he logs on.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: **Report is attached.**

e. Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: **Report is attached.**

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: We will give our Delegate here a couple minutes to see if he logs on. All right, well, the next item on our agenda is reports by us Chapter Officials. I guess I could start my report and if our delegate does come on, I will stop and we will provide him the chance to present as well.

**President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:** Delegate Tso did you just call in? Sorry, Delegate Tso?

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Can you hear me now?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: I will turn the floor over to Council Delegate. Yah'eh tee, yes.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Ok, my daughter. I'm in a meeting too, over here. It's getting hot with the BIA.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: The floor is yours.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Thank you. I'm over here with the first day of the Council session, summer session. On here this morning. I had to ..... last night, so I have to have an emergency for a while. I have little to report and little to report right now. As of now there are a lot to report but maybe next meeting, you can give me more time to get all this contact. I give you a report, but now I'm kind of listening to the other side. so, I just want to thank you So, whatever you guys are doing keep it up. I'm sorry not to be in your meeting right now, but I'm really, want to listen to this BIA report. there is a lot that concern us like land relinquishment ..... and all others. A lot in here, even the windmills are also on here. So, I'm listening to that one. So just excuse me for now. Madame Chair, my daughter. That will be all. Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, thank you my father. Ms. LDA Dedman, would you want to go through his summary report this evening or provide a brief summary? That way we don't hold up, Mister Delegate Tso.

LDA Joann Dedman: I'm trying to listen to two meetings at the same time as well.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok.

LDA Joann Dedman: So, do you have any questions? Does anybody have any questions on the report?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok, well, thank you for being able to introduce yourself this evening and we'll share your report.

Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: *returned to her report which attached.*

f. Vice President Shawna A. Claw

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: Good evening, everyone. And I just want to welcome all our chapter voters who have joined us on the line and those that have called in, and I did introduce myself earlier to our State Representative. But I just want to also state that we're very thankful for all of you being a part of our chapter and then also for assisting with the resolutions. So as our President mentioned, there were various projects that we are still moving forward with, and many of them are out of our control at this point. So, we are just waiting for the feasibility of the funds to come in, as well as some of the regulations that will accompany it. I did see that we do have the N7 solar light. I believe we do have one that's going to be tested. So, I did see that near our chapter Administration and I'm looking forward to

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seeing the output of that light. And then also thinking about some of the things that it'll give to our community once those are

installed. Today, I was able to attend and see the Council writing in on their horses. So just to be supportive of our Leadership from the Executive Branch as well as the Legislative and Judicial. So that was a, a good thing to see this afternoon. And while I was in our capitol, I did see that they also have solar lights on their, their driveways as well. So just looking at that and thinking about how that will improve our community as well. That was just something that came to mind. Also thinking about EPA, what they presented this evening. We do have a problem with our trash. However, I do believe that we have some alternatives that we as a chapter can explore, and some of them can be in the form of alternative uses. Some of the things that I've been looking at is in Toas, New Mexico. They have a group that are doing earthship building. So, what they do is they use those old tires and they use that as part of the structure and then they use greywater systems for their homes. And so thinking about our drought, very thankful for the moisture that we've been receiving. And so, thinking about that, I think that with education within our community, I know that the elders, they repurpose a lot of their materials using their roofs to catch some of the water runoff and then reusing that for gardens, washing clothes or for their animals. And so, some of those types of teachings where we're losing with the younger generation. So, thinking about that and thinking how can we perhaps employ some of our elders to do some of that reteaching? So, I know we have the Senior Citizen Program and we did have Mildred Kee on the call before, but maybe working with her and then also working with some of our summer youth employees, as well as the PEP and AmeriCorps. I know we do have a community garden here in Chinle stationed with the Park Service, so even working with that, too. So just thinking about the possibilities, as we do have this EPA Ordinance come up. So, some of those alternatives. Fines could be where they would be forced or fined to attend a class on how they can reuse and repurpose some of that trash doing community service. So, looking forward to developing a plan and thinking about that. As we know, there's a lot of legislation going through with Navajo Nation Council, one of the ones that I have been following is the Navajo Nation Sales tax increase from six (6%) percent to ten (10%) percent. Again, that would be for Navajo Nation wide, and that's one of the legislations that may impact us. As we know, the Navajo Nation is looking at looking at a lot of the coverage for some of the shortfalls, just as our chapter. And I want to thank our chapter members this evening for passing those resolutions. One specifically was regarding a shortfall for the chapter stipends. So, thank you for your support. And then, as we mentioned, Chinle Agency Council during the last meeting prior to this one for the summer, they did pass a plan of operation. And with that, that plan of operation will be moving forward to Navajo Nation Council. So, the Chinle Agency Council consists of all the Chapter Officials and then also the Grazing, the Delegates. And once that plan of operation is recognized then the Chinle Agency can be an actual Council that will be recognized by the Navajo Nation. So, with that, it's been a very progressive group. I see a lot of them that are voicing their concerns and especially with our drought. That's one of the main things that we've been hearing a lot of attention on and then the restrictions that have been happening. So even as you travel and you go into the border towns of Farmington, you'll even notice the San Juan River. It's not as if the waters have gone down very visible. So just thinking about that, the Navajo Nation and then here in our community. So, we're very interested in hearing what the US Army Corps of Engineers has to share with us. I believe that the Watershed Management Program is needed, especially for our community, not just for the roads and infrastructure, but for the viability of our community. As we know, a lot of the economic opportunity is based on our resources, meaning that the businesses, they do want to come in. But we as a community, we need to think, can we sustain those businesses? Do we have the water? Do we have the sewer lagoon capacity capability? So, there's a lot of planning. So very thankful that we do have past leadership that do join us on the call every now and then. And then also further steadfast planning from the years prior. And it's been a learning curve each and every time we have meetings with different departments. So, I just want to say thank you to our President, also to our Council Delegate, our Secretary Treasurer, our Grazing Official, and then also to our Chapter Staff, each and every one of them, the Administration and the work that is completed. We really look forward to completing this project with the help of our chapter voters. So, I just wanted to say that and

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share that as far as my report for this month. So, I just want to say that. And thank you, everyone. Ahe'hee.

g. Secretary/Treasurer Roann Burbank

S/T Roann Burbank: Good evening, everybody. Thanks for coming out and getting on the line or online to attend this meeting. I'm very grateful for your attendance and I'm thankful for all the chapter employees, SYEP employees, PEP employees and AmeriCorps employees. You guys are doing a great job getting things done out there for the community you're helping and that's very, very good. So, before I do my little report, I believe Walton had stated that that discretionary was going to open tomorrow. Is that right, Walton?

Chapter Manager Mr. Walton Yazzie: Yeah, remember I requested to put it on the agenda that's gonna be open tomorrow from 8a.m. From July 20th all the way the closing date will be August 20th at 5 p.m. So, the application will be available starting tomorrow morning at the Chinle Administration.

S/T Roann Burbank: Yeah, that was the only question that I had for Walton. And then, my report is that it's, you know, between minutes and signing payroll, I've gotten to attend the Regular June Chapter Meeting. And also, uh, the July Planning Meeting and then the Chinle Agency Council meeting and then one work session. And then today's Regular Chapter Meeting. So that's my report right now for some of the reports that I heard. I believe that Dine College does an Elder Fest that includes youths. I don't know if they're doing those this year, this summer, but maybe, maybe they can do some re teaching of ways to conserve water and use water. And then, of course, I've heard classes from the Behavioral Health Department of Behavioral Health. They have online classes that usually include elders and youth as well. So, they might be of help to. And then other than that, that's my report. Does anybody have any questions?

h. Grazing Representative Oscar Bia

Grazing Representative Oscar Bia: Wants everyone to hear his report. From June 19 to this meeting, he has a report. Attended a meeting. Chinle community, Del Muerto, Spider Rock and surrounding areas is Chinle District, and those listening. There is a drought. We need to allow it to rain without pushing it away. We need waters flowing. We need to be retaught about that. Windmills are not pumping water due to reduced water. How are we going to water cattle, fruit trees, trees, corn or gardens? Cattle need water. I met with Chinle Water Resource last week. We spoke and I just want the Chapter officials to know that. There is water to the north, and if it is possible for Chinle Chapter official and Administration able to sell water from it like the Manuelito Well or just help community for free. They are requesting a resolution. Some windmills are repaired but there is no wind to pump water. It was closed due to its misuse from intoxicated people. It can be fenced up and have someone care for it 8 to 5pm. To give barreled water. That is something to think about. We can help people and if we don't want to then we don't help people. District 10 Grazing Committee Meeting water hauling permit discussed because there are a lot of windmills, Many Farms, Wheatfield, or Tsaile and surrounding areas are hauling the water away, over 1000 to 2000 gallons. Water that could have been used by local residents. A 250 gallons per day permit might help was recommended by Water Development Resources. Department of Agriculture received reports about arguments about gardens. Gardens around the house, a land use that's less than an acre hauling water to use for garden. Some land users are complaining about cattle getting into their 3-4-acre crops. I tell them to settling it among each other and not be dependent wanting someone else to fix it for them. They complain about the votes they cast for the Leadership. Don't vote for them at the next election. You don't want them. I grew up on rain water to make bread, stew, that is how I grew up. Use it to wash. Some people are designating land among each other, and people are arguing over land. He states he stated branding. Schedules are being made upon request at the Chapter front office. Family plots are also being discussed again. They want me to sign them. Department

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of Ag. doesn't not allow him to sign those. People still go to Window Rock questioning it. Maybe they are approving them over there. People are jumping over me and going to Window Rock. I am not in charge of Nazlini or Salina and I have told them that. 10-3, 10-10, 10-4, 10B1 and 10B2 those are areas we are responsible for and only if we are delegated to assist then we will assist. We are told. Homesite leases were also discussed at a meeting in Gallup. Mike Halona stated that we are going in the wrong direction. People are stealing land. They are not notifying other people and forging names on the lease applications. The Gazing Official has to present the application to the person approving the homesite location. If they deny they were notified. Then the Homesite Lease will be held up until it gets fixed right. Some people are claiming up to ½ mile. It turns out that he does not acknowledge his own relatives that live nearby. Do those right and ask questions we were told. When Archeologist and Surveyors come that is when questions start being asked why they were not informed of the land withdrawal. That is when people start saying NO. That is why we now have to question the consent form. Did those people really consent to the land withdrawal. There are a lot of people who are dishonest, and some are forging names. Be aware of that. I also called Mike Salaby about the N7 route access and there hasn't been any information about it. Maybe after Covid is over the Department of Health will review and fix the agreement. As for now, let it be open. I have not met with any of the landowners from there. Discuss among each other about the horses and cows that are in the Right of Way of the roadways. You can report it to the Rangers dispatch. A Ranger will haul them away without notifying me. They will be impounded. There will be fees to release them should there be a grazing permit with brand. They will be held for (15) fifteen days. You will be charged for the mileage, trailer fee, medications administered, because are sick. There was a horse taken because it was roaming around, hungry. When the owner heard they question why because it is their horse. Call to Window Rock for those. Navajo Ranger, Department of Resources Enforcement number is (505) 371-5200/5201. Report so they can come. One individual pleaded for her livestock, and she was told next time they will be taken even though pleading. Another individual reported livestock ate their corn field and that he will shoot them next time. In two days Chinle Agency will be meeting again. It is also open for sheep counting. Tell each other those that are in District 10-3. Sometimes I am not here, or I am doing coordinates or meetings. It is best to discuss before. That is my report up to June 28<sup>th</sup>. That is the way it is 24/7, seven days a week. That is how this position is. Even though I am resting people want me to respond to their situations. There is also an increase in mountain lions. Watch out for those. They have entered corrals and taken lambs into the mountain. Report them to Ranger the location. Gather of the horses is another. There are a lot. They are gathering in Dilcon coming towards north. People want to know when it will be their turn. Take care of your horses, cows, sheep and land. Work together. It also has been reported that horses, cows and sheep are being stolen. When in the roadways don't drive over the sheep. It seems we all do that. Someone drove through a herd of sheep and killed them. That too. Take care of yourselves. Apply your brakes let the owners know they are a safety issue. Someone could get hurt because of them. Some do not wear seatbelts. We are to stop vehicles hauling livestock because they could be stolen. I tell you my family and Dine to let you know. That will be all.

**Motion by: TiShawna Spencer**

**Second by: Danny Francis**

## **Discussions:**

Ms. BettyRose Draper: This is BettyRose. Oscar, I have a question. On this permit holdees, holders for what's the age for them to transfer to someone else in their family or is there none?

Grazing Representative Oscar Bia: If it is you to receive, I am going to say no. you don't know how to herd. I am kidding older sister. It is for the Five District to transfer. Take in the person, only the two that is to receive the transfer. They will discuss it there. Then a resolution is completed and taken to the Courts. From

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there a Court Order then taken to Gallup where it is approved, and the Superintendent signs them here and given back to you. But BIA is not doing them because of Covid. Their paperwork is backed up. It is going to be months or years before people get their papers back. As long as there is no debate over it but if there is debate over it we are going to leave it alone. Now, there is only one name on it and the trustee is removed. Ms. BettyRose Draper: Ok, how old does a permittee holder have to be to give up their permit? Is there such a thing.

Grazing Representative Oscar Bia: maybe up till you can't see your sheep anymore. Maybe 70, 80. For now they are being told to expedite because it won't be long before BIA does away with Grazing permits. Give to your grandchildren, fix it now. They have to be here on the reservation not in Phoenix or Salt Lake. They can not be tallied because they are somewhere else. Age might not matter. If your grandmother, mother father are capable it is best to start now.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: And what about with all these business site leases, how in the world did they get their business leases when they don't have who ok those? A lot of people are, too. Go ahead.

GR Oscar Bia: Those RBDO responsibility. I only do the consent form. But, there are no business site here. Like the tours and the tire station and recycle south of the Pinon junction about two miles. They do not have a business site lease. I told him to leave it alone and get a lease for it. He continues to run it. It is moving toward the Enforcing Protection Action. If you are running a business from a Homesite Lease that is not called a business. It will be going to court again. I have not gotten a response due to the pandemic.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Ok, well I think

GR Oscar Bia: If you have a business site lease then you can run your tour or sell things.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Ok, that's about it, though. Thank you. That's a lot of information.

GR Oscar Bia. My daughter Chair.

President Rosanna Jumbo Fitch: Yes.

GR Oscar Bia: Department of Ag. Is closed all week. It will probably reopen on Monday. Someone has from there has encountered Covid. So, don't go to the fair grounds. We were told.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay.

GR Oscar Bia: okay.

**Vote: 11**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 1**

**Reports are accepted.**

XIV. Next scheduled Planning Chapter Meeting Date: 8-2-2021 Time: 5:00 PM.

XV. Adjournment by President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 7:49 PM.

**Motion by: Michael Dohi**

**Second by: Oscar Bia**

**Discussions:**

**President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:** Just a reminder, the housing discretionary will be open for starting tomorrow, the 20th closing on August 20th. So, if you have any questions or any comments or like any information, you can go by the Chinle Chapter.

**Vote: 11**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 1**

**Submitted by:**



**Secretary/Treasurer RoAnn Burbank**