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Chinle Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes October 04, 2021 5:00 pm

I. Meeting Call to Order by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:05 PM.

II. Roll Call by Chapter Vice President Shawna Claw.

Honorable Delegate Eugene Tso

Chapter President Rosann Jumbo-Fitch

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Ferrenda Jake

Roselyn Yazzie

BettyRose Draper

Danny Francis

Edward Francis

Jerrison Jumbo

LDA Joann Dedman

Wayne Claw

Valerie Allen

III. Invocation by Grazing Official Oscar Bia Sr.

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

Amendments:

a. **Wayne Claw – Community Disaster**

b. **Valerie Allen**

c. **Roselyn Yazzie**

d. **NDOT**

Community Concerns – Access Road

Motion: Roann Burbank

Second: Oscar Bia

Discussions: NONE

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

V. Announcements:

a. Chapter closed on October 11, 2021 for Indigenous Day.

b. NDOT

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Just came this afternoon. They are proposing to work through a long-range planning. I discussed with them that we'll provide some input. NDOT provided a long-range transportation plan. I guess they do this every so years. They provided one from 2016, so they want us to start to do community outreach. So, it's actually perfect timing because we're at the planning meeting. So, we'll be able to scan this in this evening so we can provide some announcements at the front of the chapter. But overall, NDOT is working on a long-range plan.

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They want us to start identifying problem routes, whether it's a road, whether it's a sidewalk, bridge, flooding any kind of concerns that we might have in regards to anything with transportation. So, they want us to start working with community members. This looks like it's an opportunity for some of our committee members to help assist with. You don't have to be a Chapter Official a Chapter Committee. You can just be a community member and state your concerns. They mentioned that yes, grandma might have five roads to her house, but if grandma needs an accessible road or she needs a road to be graveled, paved or reviewed, those are the kind of concerns we would like to see documented so we can provide those opportunities to the Navajo Department of Transportation. We, as Officials, are going to be meeting later this month, so we'd like to get a lot of feedback. So, we need the community's assistance in this matter so we can help identify the higher priorities. Currently, right now, we're working with our Delegate and other Officials to help get some solutions for the bridge on 8095. 8095 is right north of town, off 191. You see that the road is currently closed. The road washed out from the last flood. So that is on our priority list to get that road repaired and fixed. So, we have submitted that documentation along with photos and a possible estimate to help provide that to the Navajo Department of Transportation as a priority as it is an existing bus route. And it does help to provide travel for those residents that live in that corner, as well as the church located in the back. So, ideas like that, we wanted to help get goals submitted to the NDOT so we can also address your concerns. As community members. And then they talked about the Navajo Department of Highway Safety also has a program, so we'll also post this at the front of the Chapter. They have Driving Courses available and badge renewal if you're Navajo Nation employee, and they also have opportunities available for the younger generations, so they can also learn to drive and get certified as well. So that information was provided minutes before the meeting. So, I wanted to make that announcement. We'll continue to review it and then also provide more information for the community to look at. Yes.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: I have a question on NDOT. That's going to be a long-range transportation plan. How is this group going to, in a way, do a priority project? Is that going to be part of, part of their work?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, it sounds like

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: I mean

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: we with them for

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: You're going to select certain projects, but this is for new construction.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: This is long-range. Anything we have for community concerns.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: But you go maybe one will be recommended.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, unless it's a priority for life and safety. Yes.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: Okay.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Let me ask a question.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: and Ya'ha'teeh. This that you are discussing, the three, was what I came for. Now were are talking straight to each other with our face masks on. Ya'ha'teeh everybody. Although we did not have a carnival, the Ferris Wheel left alone. Betty, you sitting up there

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Hurry up and state your business

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Anyway, you have to have laughter it is quiet and it is not right. It is only fun if there is laughter. Everybody smiling. The Grazing official sitting over there too. Ahe'hee. I also came for N8095. When is it going to be fixed? It is difficult with our masks on. When is it going to be fixed? I didn't understand trying to listen to you. And then N8095, is NDOT going to fix it? And then the second question. It will be four hours to fix the road across N8095. I used to work on it. I used to place any old metal across right there. So, they need to repair that one quickly. Apache County can fix it in less than four hours. And then next, it might be true you have met on it. What

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bothers me the most is, and that is why I came. This they call this person Bubbles, over what people call Jurassic Park, where you play Bingo, Betty. People say you sit there and you really play*inaudible, people laughing...* from the gateway down to 5 Gallon's house it is scary. I used to work on that. water pools there. So, that is what I have come to you for. Water flows around over there. Then the third one, its right that was difficult by phone. Now, we can yell at each other, it is allowable. This person sitting here, this cowboy, to make a road to his home that was said. I am just asking because it really bothers me that the entrance is at the Department of Behavioral Health. A large vehicle does not fit, it is narrow, then it is between the fencing. The road divides, one goes this way and the other goes this way Kee Begay Jr's home and other goes to this guy sitting here (Francis team) and to Ariella Charles' home. It was a good entrance from there. I am thing maybe they plea with her. So, have it situated some way, in there. C521 is its number, it is close from there. There is a fence there, if we properly ask, maybe. That is what I came to your fore, the roads. Apache County used to do things like that awhile back. I do not work there anymore. I stay home and herd sheep. I retired on August 4. So, I just take care of sheep, feeding them I spent my day. It really bothers me, my Officials, all of you and some of you don't live there and are unfamiliar with the area. It starts to rain and it's going to rain again on Wednesday. It is like that for my Aunt sitting here, she gets flooded. So, I did hear the AmeriCorps of Engineers. I has been discussed for many years, nothing, we don't get something. That too. So, these three. Heavy equipment have been purchased for you, two backhoes a grader and whatever else. Nizhoni. Get the roads bladed somehow. The roads are messy all the way down to Valley Store. The roads are messy. I am asking about those three. I am asking you officials. I want to get some answers. We are just now talking face to face. The phone is difficult it starts to act up, even if you slam it down. I ruined one on it and had to get a new one today.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: All right, thank you my father for those questions. First one, N8095 bridge repair. We've like I mentioned, we have submitted to our Delegate as well as other Delegates in regards to getting support from NDOT to repair that road. We have listed it as a high priority. We have not gotten any response back yet, so we are waiting for information in regards to that. We've been taking constant photos of the roads and the conditions currently. Right now, there's only one sign that's in the area. Stayed in the road is closed, but we understand that it is a high priority. So, we've been pushing it. We've been trying to email; I think on a weekly basis. We've been meeting with the various departments, so we've been trying to get answers. To date, we haven't done anything. So, we'll follow back up with NDOT again. I know Apache County has mentioned they're no longer going to be making repairs to that road because somebody retired so. I'm just kidding. So right now, we're kind of stuck with NDOT and proposing to get that estimate that the proposed cost approved so we can get some kind of solution for that particular road repair. And then the No. 2, the flooding. Yes, I'm sorry.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: You're good. Over at the BIA

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Has it reopen, I forgot following the sheep. Even Betty doesn't do that. *Inaudible, people laughing.* metal over there. It's not that hard even just two will do. I have been doing that road for about over 23 years. I stand in sewer and get kicked out by my wife because I am told I smell suspicious. It not the place it's like that, the road across the wash too, a lot of people use the road to Charly Yazzie's turn off. Maybe you travel there. It is very sandy now. So, I drive there while herding. So please don't, these back roads you talk about they cost millions. Who has that kind of money? I wish I had that kind of money to help you guys fix it in one day but if you guys talking money Army Corps of Engineers at one point 1.4 million, where is it? Where did everyone go? Apache County even with one work order they show up on horses. The roads are a mess. So, this really bothers me. Some of care for our vehicles. 30 to 40 years it has been discussed. You say it once they're out there fixing it. Right now, the road across from Churches Chicken is badly rutted, you can't travel that road. So, the vehicles are getting shook up.

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I'll tell you one thing when that flood comes. It's scary. Those that live up that way are not afraid of it. When we live down there it really flowed over us and then down by Eddie Bahe's wash bend I'm the last one to get it. I would be sitting in water. So, I am pleading with you that money you are talking about. You don't have to get money. There are plenty of scraps piled up. Put those ones they removed in there. Use your backhoe get the grader out there and do it yourself temporarily. Right now, we are far behind everyone. Buses go through there, there are Senior Citizens living there. It is like that in the cottonwoods area. The road is very close. You ask one time; they will work with you. If we invite them on the reservation, they might approve it. Extension of C521 is my recommendation. I used to work on that. It is narrow through there. We bladed there and it washed out through the fence. So, I am pleading with you it needs to be fixed before winter before freezing. It is difficult left like that.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: If you need some assistance let me know. I am available I can help you guys.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: That is what we come for and that is what we talk about. So, if that gets repair it would appreciated. I can help, BettyRose could call me.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Save the Mą'ii. That way they will be floating.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: *Talking over each other and laughter, Inaudible...* if you move on this side the Grazing Official will tell you no.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: Jump on the mą'ii.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: They might scratch you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: And then, the flooding, the second one. We have also put the flooding concerns on our Fiscal Year 2022 budget, and we passed it last month's meetings. So, we are also proposing to find a solution. We did a score a month ago with Apache County as well as the Senator Mark Kelly's office. So, we've been trying to find funding opportunities for that. Myself, Walton and also our Planner Tyrone created a map and also created a study of a possible proposed link from the mouth of the Canyon and then down to the church around that roundabout, where the the Chapter and Apache County recently constructed the berm. So that there we've estimated a couple of million dollars, but we've also put into in effect a plan to help eradicate some of the trees that's making the waters come towards Chinle. And then right there, I know our Delegate as well as his LDA. She's here this evening might also provide some information on the proposed Army Corps of Engineers. But as far as Chinle Chapter, we're trying to push to get some options as well. I know one of the, what's your name, Melinda? Was she with environmental?

Mr. Walton Yazzie: um mm

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: EPA. There's a representative from the EPA that's prohibiting us from doing any work on the wash. So, we're trying to go through the direct processes. We did go out there, we measure it, and we saw the amount of silt buildup in the hazard. It's right there ready to cross again. So, we understand that we've gotten some sandbags and we've been also documenting that as well. Go ahead.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Those sandbags you are talking about are useless. So, there's two things about building the back. Over at the DBA do not get flooded. What we do is called above ground. Another one is a ditch that is 4014401 which takes years with attached funding. Those people that live down there, silt make it up with that. it will circulate it use those trees like the monkey eggs. That's what we used to do to control that wash up. It's that simple. Right now, there was mention of maps and we shined light in there and mention of mą'ii living there and cover them up. It's going to help. It's going to divert the water back that way. Right now, it goes by where the Joes live and Nazlini wash, it's making a canyon down there. I plead with you on that and these roads.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

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Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: All of you, Shawna and then you Ms. Burbank too and those sitting right there, the Grazing official, all of you, Betty you too, you can bring some donkeys.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: I'm higher up.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: You're still a winner, even though you didn't go on a carnival ride. It is only fun if there is laughter.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Does any other officials have any other comments? Ms. LDA, did you have any updates in regards to the flooding? Submittals and stuff?

LDA Joann Dedman: I know we have an update with Army Corps of Engineers, and we do have a meeting tomorrow with NDOT at 10:00 and in-person in Tsé Bonito. So, we'll be able to provide more information after.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Don't just discuss it, get out there and do it. Ask questions later. Here comes the flood. That's how I see it. You have to get out there and let people chew me out. It can be done. I support you guys.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Officials, any other comments? Yes, Oscar. Go ahead.

GO Oscar Bia Sr.: Yes, Ya'ha'teek my Official and then those in-person. That is how we discuss things, and we tell each other that is what we are given time for. So, from, wait don't let it rain and don't let it snow is what it seems you are saying. It is happening from there, the snowing is going to do that. It might snow big. It is not known. When that melts and we work on it here. If we just do it and not fix it right and that water flows. Water does not have eyes. Even if you plead with, a glass of water sitting before you, it sometime does not help you. Even if you told it over here, that's the way it is. Elder men had water sticks, Gai nal bahe was his name. That's how it is. They work with that, that it says it really is its land, then. For us pitiful if we say my land, we might be living in Tuba City. We say that and we're somewhere else and we check on it once in a while and the plowed fields have covered up with sand. Back then they use to post Jee'di. I think that something powerful. What they call Jee'di. First, replace them and maybe it will make go back the other way. Both sides are affected now. Then from where the water is flowing in from the rain and water flows and it flows here and it rains over there again, the runoff, it seems as though you are saying irrigate over there., and one is saying not over here. When it hit there it directs it another way. Then what you are talking about my cousin, it comes towards you. That's the way it is. As for me, I am saying, those homesteads, how do you think about it. I walked up to so far, but I turned around before I reached you because it was the sand you mentioned. It was very hot and on top of that I forgot water. I dug for water, nothing. Long ago if you dig so far it would come up. Now, there is nothing. Maybe it's us, like we just waste water. So, the Jee'dis somehow get the Jee'di Way done. It might fix that way on both sides. Like recently it rained lightly it was around homes and now there is complaining over here over here about a home flooding. I went there and I told my uncle and my nephew. What you don't care for, maybe it's right. We used to achieve it. So, things were placed in front of it but it over on the other side. That flooded someone's home again. That's what happened. Since then it hasn't flood again. You are right about getting to work on it quickly. It is the landowner, that is my grazing land, right there the dirt you are taking out with your loader is mine, leave it alone they say and then they go running to over here, all the way to Window Rock they go. Then over here they are crushed with it, Where is it, they are asked. Then for someone to apply themselves another is not allowing it. NTUA will not allow it. Without my permission, Mr. Bia don't work over me, first let me file paperwork and get permission, then it is okay. He works in the Chapter. That is where it isn't working together. Even though you plead, leave the people's land alone. They say. How is it going to work? So, I am thoroughly thinking about it that if we come into the Chapter like right now and pass resolutions if we gather over 45 that way it will be powerful. If we pass resolutions

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Thank you very much. Where Mr. Yazzie's home is, on the side, we were approved and I went there, it was very muddy. It gets very quick sandy. Because there are a lot of fields, right? There are also a lot of fencing. I told him, remove the fence. Get the fence roller in there and get caught. There are very, very, very many ways that I think about it for you guys. Go down there and visit. Go down there even on foot. It is open now. Harv Yazzie has neighbors, then Bubbles and then a ways where the Mitchell's live and Clauschee. Right now, it floods there now. Several of went down there and repaired some and we didn't finish it. NDOT brought the dozer,

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Apache County brought their dozer, we attacked it. It was finished almost with flooding on the sides and water flowing down that way. The bridges were washed out towards Nazlini wash, took them all out. It became impassable. Then people started cutting fences anywhere. I am pleading with you, all of you Officials, Shawna and Ms. Burbank, and then the Grazing Official, and the Chapter Manager and my baby too. These people sitting here what did they come for, what is bothering them, react on it. Move on it. Get it off your back. Then you can proceed in a good way. There is nothing wrong with it, working together. It is fun. It is a big responsibility, but you went in there yourself. So, it is transparent. There is a woman in office and people react towards it.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: I too would like to say a little to the Officials, the Chapter Manager. It is true, it is spoken about here, I don't know which way it goes. It is true, right now, we have the Delegate's LDA is seated over here. Carefully compile paperwork. About 6, 8 years ago, over at the Nazlini Wash covered in brush. From here they called it 10 days Project to clear it all. It was denied. I think you knew about it.

Mr. Walton Yazzie: Yeah, EPA said

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: yeah, they said no. they have to do a study they said. How come, where is that study? It's been that long. *Inaudible, people talking in background...* and meet with those people. So, I am not criticizing you. Now there is more brush that grew out. That is forming the wash, it's becoming a bigger wash and no one saying anything about it. AS soon as the water comes it flows this way. It is the same over here, look at that. It is true that Ache County helps out and NDOT will probably help out too. And then that N8095 that is spoken of, the bridge they want to make because of this constant problem. It was not approved and make it further. We were trying to get that on the Priority so that we have another access into this area. That's nothing when the water hits and starts flowing. What are if there is an emergency? How is there going to be a way out? We used to talk about it back then. I don't know what happened to it. Get it back. So, that way it can be fixed. Right now, it's this water study, hurry up and discuss it. Bring it back up on top. Not to clear the brush. There's got to be a solution. *Other people talking* so, right here, don't just pass it around. Just because you're the Chapter President doesn't mean you only deal with issues around you. You have to share it. Let everyone know. Those people over there are probably about to leave, Oscar too. So, from here too. We are equal. As for me, it is better to hurry. We are missing that, I miss it. How is the water hitting even though my son here is saying that, to replace breakers it is to narrow. That is what it is. So, the water might pull it out again. There is something to think about my Officials. Somehow so the water doesn't pull it out again. And a lot of sand has flowed out, with that right now. That is why it carelessly flow between homes and floods them. That's the problem. It's true and another thing too why would you put houses where there is flooding? Have some kind of plan. So, those kinds of residents won't be put in. So, just in one place. Like Walton lives on top of a hill. So, you know, we have to consider that. So, help each other. Then when there is a meeting all of you attend. Don't be alone, see that it is good. All of you, that is why we are here telling you that we can help you. So, that is what I think. I am wanting to here some planning and appreciation. I am not criticizing you. I want to see that. I want Chinle to be out of this flooding problem. So, it is like that right here and it is true. I know you guys can do the job. Let's get going with it. So, I'm just encouraging you to work together and get it done. The funding spoken of, do you just turn in requests, you have to come forth before an Official and request for paperwork. That is the way it is done. That is the way we did it. So, I wanted to speak to you about that. I'm looking forward to some plans. Yes, somewhat. Thank you.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Thank you, I want to speak again because we are having fun at this meeting. Spoke for another 5 minutes

about clans. He thanks Roselyn for speaking. He also spoke on the younger generation and helping them. Mr. Jumbo states that everyone should have a hand in everything and to be in attendance for things happening and that it has opened back, and it is ok for us to yell at each other now because it is allowable. He states that we need to get out there and get the job done and get dirty, and don't be wait for the water to come in. He says he is not lecturing us. He talks about the heavy equipment and how we need to get on it and learn it and he is willing to train us on it. He states that he means it. He states that we should be out there when things are being made and for us to bring our lunch and water. He says it is good and he likes it. He states that it is just not right here, and it goes to Nazlini. He states we need to take heavy Equipment over there and the roads are rutted. He points out Apache County's boundaries and how Apache County, BIA and NDOT helped. He thinks Delegate

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Eugene Tso should be answering for us. He wants to know where Delegate Eugene Tso is because he doesn't want to get hit. He states Delegate Tso goes to meeting for us and he bring back his reports like present. Mr. Jumbo also states that we should "just get out there and do it!". He states that we are going to be put in jail for it. Mr. Jumbo states that we shouldn't be afraid because we are protecting a lot of homes from being destroyed. He states that we give it everything we have. He states that it will only if we do it without looking elsewhere. He states that Betty Rose is still young and that she cares that to get assistance. He states it's because she didn't get to go on a carnival ride.

Ms. BettyRose Draper: You better be careful. I'm going to whack you with this. Now, I told you now sit down and hush.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: He tells us that that is why she is upset, about the Ferris Wheel. He states he is saying that to her because he used to help her a lot and that used to tease each other with his uncle Jim Claw. He wants to thank and commend everyone for coming. He states that they are not "greenhorns" and that we are adults now and some with kids. He wants us to get on the heavy equipment and give it a try and that once you get seat you get used to it and that it is hard to stop operating. He wants to thank all of us, every one of us 110% or more but work together like how this person said. He thinks we should work together laughing. He states how there are no sweets at the meeting. He wants to thank his uncle about how he finds land, funding for the elders. He also would like to see a Walmart. He wants us to get the road done for the Francis' maybe paved or graveled. He states for Shawna not to be shaking it at them.

Ms. Roselyn Claw: That is enough! Don't be talking like that. Be respectful. Usually, you can ask a few questions and be able to speak a little. Have meetings like that.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: We need to have laughter.

Mr. Roselyn Yazzie: It seems you; you're talking about what a person is like. That is why let it alone, enough. We are respectfully talking among each other. Thank you.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok, thank you. So, Next item under

GO Oscar Bia Sr.: Madame Chair, there is more.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, go ahead.

GO Oscar Bia Sr.: It is for the people asking the questions. As for me, do not hold me responsible. Those of you at this meeting; do not hold me responsible for what Mr. Jumbo said earlier. There is no way to his house because he lives on a hill. For those of us that live down here that is why it is blocked in two places. I requested it not be opened for a while because people live down there and there are fields with crops, and gardening work being done. People are tired of fearing the water. Do not open up the water from Tsaile/Wheatfields for a while until we have repair things here first. Irrigations need to be repaired too. Then you can release the water. Right now people are fearful of the water. If we fix the irrigation then when it rains, snows, and you release the water a lot will come flowing out. So, retain it for a while. One person heard about it and wanted to know why I am retaining the water. I told him that I did not tie it up. The people in Chinle are getting repairs done first. So, we do work on it with that person sitting over there. They request to have it done in a certain manner. It may not look like we are doing anything from your view, sitting there. We do go out there. I do a part of it. We discuss what it is that you want. Like when you shear a sheep and let it go, it is very happy bouncing away. it has been set in place like that for us. That is how we think. So, I do tell them and they are seated in there. I want you think about that for us. The water has increased to more. That is like that. They will probably release it when it reaches a point. Because it can be turned on that is why it barrels out of there. That is what you are calling flood. Water have started flowing and some are flowing underground. That is what people are irrigating with. So, we can place beavers down there. That way the water will not be so red. When there were blockades, and the water was flowing underground the water

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used to be clear here. That is how is and we studied it with the that Official. Consider that for us. And the statements that we make placed upon the officials. Some of these are paperwork and point out community members. Tell each other about those. About how someone might have run out of gas or what is going on with others. I used to be very shy from that I am not now. That is the way this works because it might e that you requested for it. I will have to do it the way you are requesting my family and dine. That will be all.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, thank you.

Community Concern:

a. Update on N7 Access Road

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: So, we have Mr. Danny Francis, and Ed, Francis this one sitting here is all the families that are living in this area behind Behavioral Health. We have been meeting with each of them. We've met twice now. I think the last time we met in person, we met a couple of times on the computer and then we've been meeting in regards to their access route. So, they live right across the Chapter. We've been discussing options since I think 1999. They've been working to try to get access. 1999, it's twenty-two years later. So, with that, we have asked for them to each write each of their family's names that live and reside within that area from their elderly. They had their grandma come out. Adult couple of aunts and uncles came out, my aunts and uncles. We had a meeting outside, so we discussed how much that building has impacted how they live, how they access and how they have to be able to transport family in between that route. There's a lot of concerns that came up. We've met with them since June to September. We've documented their concerns. We've had them attend our Chapter Meetings. They've been on the phone call since June. So now we've been waiting to get responses back from BIA, waiting to get responses back from any other Officials or Departments to help get some kind of access road. President: They've already also contacted Apache County. They've contacted the Navajo Nation Office. They contacted the President's Office that contacted our Delegate. They've also discussed with our Grazing Officials previous and current and how to get access route. So, that there we have met myself, Tyrone and Walton met on site during our last meeting, And then we discussed what else can we do? This has been a problem since 22 years ago, so we've compiled old resolutions, resolutions from 1999 Officials stating that they need to have a safe and better access route to those residents behind the facility. The facility that's currently occupying that site now has an argument with privacy as well as security. So again, we're trying to make an agreement to where we can work with both parties. We've also done some. We also got some information on the home site leases, the land site use leases and also the business site leases and also any approved Navajo Nation land within that area. So, we've gone through. We met with our Official Mr. Oscar Bia. We went out there, we discussed what options are available. So, we kind of are landlocked to where that parcel is currently located. We've also met with the Department of Behavioral Health. So, we also discussed their concerns, but they were not able to give us an answer. They kind of put us back. You go find your own solution. So, we have submitted a letter to the Chair or not the Chair, one of the RDC members, Honorable Kee Allen Begay to help assist us as he is on the RTC committee. We ask for his assistance. Last week, we wrote a letter, detailed the situation and also provided his a list of those that reside in that area. The resolution and what they're looking to obtain as far as access route. Currently, the route, they have the drive behind the Behavioral Health. We want to make direct access off N7 towards the turnoff. We've met with grandma. Grandma said, I've lived here for years. This was built after we've resided here, so they want to have some kind of agreement to where all family members are able to access off N7 for safety, for bus routes and also for medical and elderly transportation. So, we provided a letter if to justify the situations, and now we're currently waiting for feedback in regards to that project. So, we've also

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done our due diligence as far as making sure that our Grazing Rep. was also involved. So, we did contact all of those that live

within the area and made sure we're not trespassing or getting to any future disagreements with other residents. So that's the update we have this evening. So, we're working closely with Danny and his brother, Edward on this matter. So, that way we can try to find a solution. So, are there any questions or comments?

Mr. Danny Francis: Not at this time.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay, any comments, Officials or questions on that? any questions? Yes, go ahead.

GO Oscar Bia Sr.: My uncle k'e, just to let you know that today I went in the area today. One said he was a Judge. Scary, I thought I was going to get a court date. I thought I was going to go to jail. Then I got there and I was told he used to be the Director here. It has been made to where it cannot be closed. It goes down a way and we looked for land for it. That is how it had started but it has been left in that manner. So, he said it is open. So, he said for me to see him when discussions are starting again and he will come to the meeting and that was why he want to see me. That is all have to report on that. thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: And the chapter's also hosting RDC this month, too, so they'll be Chinle on the 13th. Yes,

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Are they going to clear it to 521? *Inaudible, people talking to each other...*

GO Oscar Bia Sr.: ...because they are going to close it, right? There will be an automatic gate. That is their land.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: I surveyed that up to that irrigation. I was planning on it to be through there. The gravel road is very close and have the road graveled first. That was what I has said. They do have a plan somewhere. I did surveying for that proposed road because on the other side from Mr. Hunter's gateway too narrow for the trucks, and it is a safety hazard. So, I surveyed Ariella's turnoff and in there. And the irrigation is 24 inch by 40 feet for pipe for those that still irrigate. Background noise...they say they're irrigating, right? It is the same with a gate, they complain that they have block their way of irrigating their fields. That is what they say. So, we can gravel the road to Danny's home because that is the only place I surveyed. I mark and posted it. That is where they said it was going to be. Just to let you know.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: You know, that same day, RDC is here. We're also going to be doing a presentation on the flooding, so we're going to try to also speak to the committee about it as well. So, we'll try to get a list of those names as well. We always tell people, if you have a concern, the more people's names you have and the more people that show up. That's how we help to push that project. That's what Danny and his family have been doing on that for that access road as well. So, any other questions or comments on the access road? Yes.

Mr. Danny Francis: According to the meeting we had September 9th, you all know that everybody that is on that site reunited.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Mr. Danny Francis: We had the access route directly to right here.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yep.

Mr. Danny Francis: So, we've been requesting that since

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Mr. Danny Francis: 1999. That is way that is. The one on the other side has fence all over the place and there's families living there and there's some plantation areas too.

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President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Mr. Danny Francis: Even though the roads are narrow it's still passable.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Mr. Danny Francis: But the main thing our concern is

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: N7

Mr. Danny Francis: N7

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, and that is how we submitted it.

Mr. Danny Francis: Yeah.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: So, we proposed that area that was highlighted with yellow on the map.

Mr. Danny Francis: that's

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: yes, yes, yes,

Mr. Danny Francis: what the Behavioral Health also agreed to. So,

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes

Mr. Danny Francis: where do you want the road. That's what we were asked so right away ...*background noises*.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: I submitted all that. So, what we've talked about on that day, we turned that in as the first request.

Mr. Danny Francis: Yes, thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

- c. **Wayne Claw - proposed a Community Disaster Plan and follow up on the past resolution for community trash bins.**

There was a 55 min discussion among Roselyn Yazzie, Jerrison Jumbo, Roann Burbank, President Rosanna Jumbo, BettyRose Draper and Walton Yazzie about Vendor Village.

VI. Old Business:

- a. **CHIN-SEPT-21-052: RECOMMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO IMMEDIATELY ENACT EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO PROVIDED DROUGHT RELIEF TO THE NAVAJO NATION ; AND ALLOCATE NECESSARY FUNDING TO ADDRESS DROUGHT IMPACTS ON THE NAVAJO NATION**

Sponsor: Nicholas Chischilly and he was not available for the presentation. Moved to Regular Chapter Meeting.

VII. New Business: **Roselyn Yazzie placed on New Business for Regular Chapter Meeting.**

VIII. Reports:

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Let's have our guests go first. We have first Renee from Safe Schools. John Hopkins, same thing, right?

Ms. Kristen Tallis: Yes

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ok, so I think Kristen and Renee, they're both Safe School at John Hopkins. We have you on the Agenda twice, right?

Ms. Kristen Tallis: Yeah, that's right.

Ms. Vanessa Begay: Well, my name is Vanessa. Renee is my past Coordinator.

- a. Ms. Vanessa Begay – Safe Schools

Ms. Vanessa Begay: Ya'ha'teeh everybody, my name is Vanessa Begay...*background talking*... She introduced herself in Navajo with Clan and states she is originally from Lukachukai, Arizona. I am a Research Program Assistant. Also, the team lead working on Project Safe Schools. So, I'm here tonight just to give you guys an update on the project and what we are doing with John Hopkins. So, Project Safe Schools is started back in April 2021 and it is a fully funded program until March

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2023. And with that project, we are currently working with Chinle Unified School District and Pinion District; and what we are doing is we're implementing a pool testing. So, we're trying to find a safer way for students and staff to go back to School. Also, with the pool testing, we are having the students, the teachers and staff consenting to doing the full testing, which is the COVID 19 testing. The swabs are like the IHS' swabs, they're like this tiny and kids themselves are able to do it. They said that it's pretty much like picking your nose. They said that doesn't hurt. So that's what we are doing within the schools. And by doing that, we are able to catch any positive cases with COVID 19. So, we do catch a positive case and we do offer at testing. And what that is is that COVID 19 antigen testing. And with that, we're able to identify what student is positive. And then when that happens, we refer it to IHS and that's where the Indian Health is taking over. The other part of it is the research aspect. We are currently looking for parents, caregivers, teachers and staff to enroll within our program. And what they're doing is they're doing surveys every six months. So, teachers are going to take 30 minutes to an hour that we get sent to them. And the survey questions are based basically factors that played a role in COVID 19 and in-person learning. And then parents and caregiver their survey is a bit lengthy it is 2 to 3 hours long. But with that it's the same thing. We're asking them about these surveys and interviews on their experience.... other people talking... And as a parent, where there are their concerns with COVID 19? Do you worry about your child getting COVID? Do you worry about them learning at home. So that's kind of the things that we are asking in our survey and with the full testing, we do have Chinle Unified School District working with us on going. So, on Chinle's page, they do have a COVID 19 dashboard that is available to the Unified School District. And on that, we do provide them with the numbers of students who consented. And as of last week, on September 27, the update that we have is there are 2,318 students have to have the and are currently doing the pool testing within the schools. And then as far as staff, we do have 478 Staff who are doing the pool testing as well. So far, that has been 1, 550 people testing, and it has been 137 pools within Chinle Unified School District. So, we have we oversee 10 schools. Also, we are working with Pinion District to implement this. And then the access of the week of the 27th of September. That has been one 137 pools that were negative and zero positive cases within the schools. So, if you guys do know any parents or caregivers, teachers or staff who are interested in enrolling in the project and doing surveys or just their experience and then also in-depth, which would help us to be able to identify ways to help keep the school safer for our students and staff. So that's pretty much my update on Project Safe Schools and what we are currently doing with this in the recruiting process. This project is two to three years. And it will continue, so we'll continue to find the pool testing of the school, andsafe.

Mr. Jerrison Jumbo: Asked a question about what the protesting was about and was clarified by Ms. Vanessa Begay and Ms. Kristen Tallis that it was the pool testing is for and it is not a protest.

b. Chapter Manager Walton Yazzie – Review Financial Statements **Financial Statements attached.**

c. Joseph Sanchez – LDS Church **Mr. Earl Tulley did a report and requested a resolution.**

Motion: Shawna Claw

Second: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions: Discussion among Mr. Earl Tulley, GO Oscar Bia Sr., S/T Roann Burbank, and Roselyn Yazzie.

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

d. Valerie Allen – Navajo Veterans Organization **requested for a support resolution for the old Courthouse.**

Ms. Valerie Allen: What I'm requesting for is the old Courthouse over here for the Navajo Veteran Organization is now a corporation under the State of Arizona and we are recognized by IRS. So, we need a building where we can come together. So, we're requesting that the old Courthouse is what we were hoping that we would be housed in. So that's what I'm asking for. Support at the next meeting, which is October 18, is what I'm asking for. I don't know if that's possible because I had called the Courthouse and they informed me that the roof was leaking. And then two years later, I asked about it again and I was told that it's being utilized right now. But I don't see anyone utilizing the building. So that's what I'm asking.

Motion: Roann Burbank

Second: Shawna Claw

Discussions:

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Questions, comments?

S/T Roann Burbank: You're requesting for a support resolution?

Ms. Valeria Allen: Yes., to secure the building, yes.

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S/T Roann Burbank: And this is with the Veterans Administration?

Ms. Valeria Allen: Not with the Tribe, we're recognized through Arizona State. We're a corporation under 501C3.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: It is the Navajo Veterans organization.

Ms. Valerie Allen: and that is the name of the *speaking over each other*

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, yea we'll get copies out.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie. ...and they said they were using it for storage.

S/T Roann Burbank: I thought that they, it was condemned.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: Yes.

S/T Roann Burbank: So, there's, it's not being utilized.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Any other questions, comments? Any issues?

Passed to put on the next our next resolution.

CCG Manager Walton Yazzie – Financial Statements

CCG Manager Walton Yazzie did a report on the three Financial Statements and they are attached.

Motion: Roann Burbank

Second: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions: NONE

Vote: 4

Opposed 0

Abstained: 0

IX. Next scheduled Regular Chapter Meeting Date: 10-18-2021 Time: 5:00 PM.

X. Adjournment by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 8:04 PM.

Motion: Roann Burbank

Second: Oscar Bis Sr.

Discussions: None

Vote: 4

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Submitted by


S/T Roann Burbank