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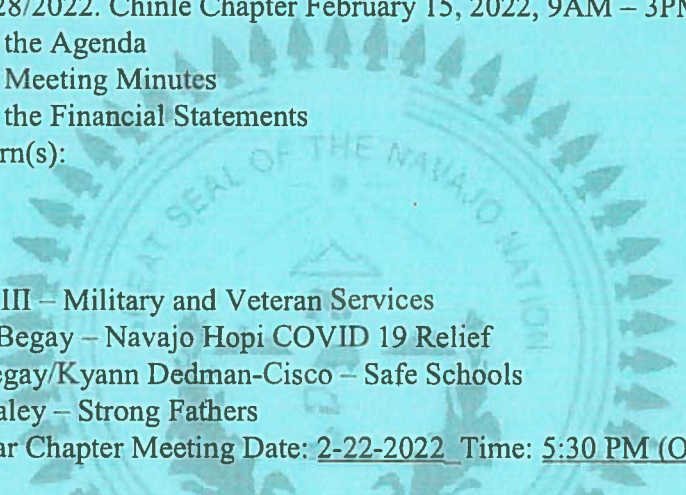
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Chinle Chapter Planning Meeting Agenda February 07, 2022 5:30 PM (Online)

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - II. Roll Call
 - III. Invocation
 - IV. Announcements
 - i. Chinle Chapter front lobby will be closed from 1/25/2022 to 3/31/2022, use service window only.
 - ii. Navajo Nation Management Incentive: 2021 Production year. Online application starts 2/01/2022 through 2/28/2022. Chinle Chapter February 15, 2022, 9AM – 3PM.
 - V. Review and Adopt the Agenda
 - VI. Review and Adopt Meeting Minutes
 - VII. Review and Adopt the Financial Statements
 - VIII. Community Concern(s):
 - IX. Old Business:
 - X. New Business:
 - XI. Reports:
 - i. Rudy Cota III – Military and Veteran Services
 - ii. Cassandra Begay – Navajo Hopi COVID 19 Relief
 - iii. Brittany Begay/Kyann Dedman-Cisco – Safe Schools
 - iv. Leander Staley – Strong Fathers
 - I. Next scheduled Regular Chapter Meeting Date: 2-22-2022 Time: 5:30 PM (Online).
 - II. Adjournment

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Date: 02/07/2022 ☒ Planning Meeting ☐ Regular Meeting ☐ Special Meeting

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3. Secretary/Treasurer:		23.
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**Chinle Chapter
Planning Meeting Minutes
February 07, 2022
5:30 PM (Online)**

- I. Call meeting to order by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:30 PM.
- II. Roll call by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
Honorable Council Delegate Eugene Tso
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch
Chapter Vice President Shawna A. Claw
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Roann Burbank
Grazing Representative Oscar Bia Sr.
Cozy Brown Jr.
Vanessa Begay
Elvira Honie
Vera Morgan
Leander Staley
Walton Yazzie
Danny Francis
Kristen Tallis
Rudy Cota
Jerry James
Roselyn Yazzie
- III. Invocation by Oscar Bia Sr.
- IV. Announcements by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
 - a. Chinle Chapter front lobby will be closed from 1/25/2022 to 3/31/2022, use service window only.
 - b. Navajo Nation Management Incentive: 2021 Production year. Online application starts 2/01/2022 through 2/28/2022.
Chinle Chapter February 15, 2022, 9AM-3PM.
- V. Review and Adopt the Agenda by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
Amendments made:
 - a. CHIN-FEB-22-003: SUPPORTING RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PREFABRICATED BUILDING FOR THE CENTRAL AGENCY NAVAJO ELECTION OFFICE UTILIZING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING (ARPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000.00.
 - b. CHIN-FEB-22-004: REQUESTING AND APPROVING \$114,724.40 CHINLE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF SELF RELIANCE (NNDSR) FUNDS TO RECRUIT FORTY (40) ELIGIBLE DSR YOUTH CUSTOMERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBSIDIZED YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SYE) INITIATIVE TO BE PLACED AT CHINLE CHAPTER FOR EMPLOYMENT BEGINNING JUNE 01, 2022 TO July 31, 2022.
 - c. Johns Hopkins – Elvira Honie
 - d. Charlotte Begay

Motion: Oscar Bia Sr.
Second: Shawna Claw
Discussions: Amendments

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Vote: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

VI. Review and Adopt the January Planning Meeting Minutes read by S/T Roann Burbank.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes: Shawna Claw

Second: Roann Burbank

Discussions: No questions or comments

Vote: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0

VII. Review and Adopt the Financial Statements read by S/T Roann Burbank.

Motion to accept the financial reports: Shawna Claw

Second: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions:

VP Shawna A. Claw: Question: The report for under Emergency Funds is that still ongoing or is it a new expense?

S/T Roann Burbank: Requests to meet with Walton because she couldn't find the answer to the question.

Vote: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

VIII. Community Concern(s): No items

IX. Old Business: No items

X. New Business:

a. **CHIN-FEB-22-003: SUPPORTING RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PREFABRICATED BUILDING FOR THE CENTRAL AGENCY NAVAJO ELECTION OFFICE UTILIZING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING (ARPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000.00.**

Motion: Roann Burbank

Second: Oscar Bia Sr.

Ms. Vera Morgan: Report given by Ms. Vera Morgan about the resolution. She works as the Project Specialist. The ARPA funding was received. The present building is not accessible by people with disabilities and there is limited space. They are requesting to purchase new buildings for Navajo Nation Election (4) Agencies.

S/T Roann: Is the request for all the agencies?

Ms. Vera Morgan: States No, it will be for the (4) Agencies.

Mr. Cozy Brown: Wants to know where the money is being requesting from.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Responds to Mr. Brown that we do not have that information. Question for Ms. Morgan: Did NEA look into other prefabricated buildings?

Ms. Vera Morgan: Requests to respond to Cozy and she responds that ARPA is given from President Nez to assigned projects and there were some given to other departments that they need and to provide costs. The present building will be replaced with the prefabricated buildings. There is no assigned amount of funding given yet, it is a supporting document should there be funding.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: Is it going to be the same size that we have in Chinle? We are in support for infrastructure. ARPA is under Legislative, is it going under Legislative or Executive?

Ms. Vera Morgan: Navajo Election is under Legislative it will go back to Legislative and go through sub divisions. 60 x 40 building, and not sure if will be mobile or modular. She states they are all new employees.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: Thanks the Navajo Election Office for discussing the subject. She states the Modular is better and lasts longer. She states she supports it. She wants to know if the disability requirement have been added in.

Ms. Vera Morgan: Modular is movable and Prefabricated is long lasting. Modular was removed. They have requested \$550,000 just for Chinle, and same for the other agencies. Handicap is include and we support. That has to be included.

Grazing Representative Oscar Bia Sr.: States it is good and thanks her. He states there are problems reported with the present building. He is thankful for the request and he supports it.

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Ms. Vera Morgan: She states they are going to put the new building in the same place because it already has water, electric, and site. That is it on her report.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: Just wants to relate and presents her clans and shared it and thanks Morgan.

Ms. Vera Morgan: Thanks her as well.

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

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Motion: Roann Burbank

Second: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions: No questions or comments

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

XI: Reports:

- a. Rudy Cota III – Military and Veteran Services

Mr. Rudy Cota III: Talks about making it aware to the serving the veterans and military personnel in the community. They can help with federal agencies on all sorts of issues on a case by case basis. He wants to be available for any questions or concerns and if there are issues he cannot handle they have a great team that can handle other issues. They can help through Congress Tom O'Halloran's office. He wants to know if there are other concerns and wants people to reach out to them. He wants greater communication between us at the chapter level.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Talks about the previous visits with the community and wanted him to give a report for the Officials. She states people have stopped by for questions.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: Want to say hello and wants to hear about the services they have to offer to those that served and in service. She a mother to an Air Force Airman. Vice President Shawna Appreciates the work he is doing, and looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Rudy Cota III: He looks forward to connecting more with her.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thanks him for attending and giving a report and bringing awareness.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: Want to do a comment: She states that if he is aware about the nursing home here in Chinle to bring more buildings to bring more assistance and that they are asking for their ARPA Funds too; and a resolution was passed in support of it. She wants to know if he is aware of that.

Mr. Rudy Cota III: Isn't too familiar with it and sounds like it is something that is happening at the chapter level and their office can be looped in on it accordingly if need be.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: She thinks his office needs to be involved along with our representative O'Halloran and he is soliciting projects like this and for him to look out for this funding package for a Veteran Nursing Home in the same premises as our Navajoland Nursing Home. She just wanted to point that out. She also points out that veteran have difficulties with getting housing, medical attention and trying to bring a hospital here in Chinle. Wants support from O'Halloran. A hospital here is necessary.

Mr. Rudy Cota III: Congressman is aware and wants to bring services closer and work with Dr. Jumbo-Fitch to have those service provided and they will do whatever to and relay those sentiments to the Congressman.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Requests to leave the meeting for the Officials only.

Honorable Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Requests for an interpreter. He states that we need a lot of help. He states he receives care and that we don't have that here on the reservation anywhere. Some have not come back yet and what we really needs is mental health. That's what we want to have something like that on the reservation.

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Mr. Rudy Cota III: States they will do their best and would like to work with Delegate after getting offline.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thanks Mr. Rudy Cota III.

- b. **Cassandra Begay – Navajo Hopi COVID 19 Relief**

Ms. Cassandra Begay: Thanks the leadership and grateful for the partners.

Ms. Ethel Branch: Greets the Officials, introduces herself and talks about the relief available across the Navajo Nation.

Ms. Cassandra Begay: Gave a report on the background and service of their program. Established in March by Ethel Branch when there was developed concerned about community and might not have access to essential items with concern about the elders, and immune compromised on Navajo and Hopi. It is a Utah Nonprofit to manage funds and staff. Has been working with Chinle Chapter leadership, AmeriCorps staff going on three years since 2020. Walton and Colin have been phenomenal leader for his community, providing man power to help make it all possible. Navajo Hopi have hired new staff which are Tiara, TiShawna and Antania at the Chinle Chapter. Spoke of the data. Essential item to community members. School, senior center, hospitals. Kinship care package for the relatives of food and PPEs. Chinle did 42 packages serving families. \$1,530,551.00 spent on Chinle to bring resources. She also spoke of other communities and had given over 200 packages. Another program that gives PPEs because they are hard to access. Chinle did 67 distributions from Nov. 2020 to Aug. 2021 for a family of four. Kid's kits were also given by the Chinle Chapter. She states that community members that were positive were also given an isolation kit. 470 families assisted when positive. She state there is a breakdown in the distribution chain. She states it is a lot of work. She named Colin, TiShawna and Walton assisting and appreciates them. She states they do funding raising and there are other programs they have. She proud of all the work they do.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: thanks them for all the assistance received from the Navajo Hopi whether if it was food, or PPEs and continuing to help the community. She is thankful for the recognition of her Chinle Chapter team. Opens floor for Officials.

S/T Roann Burbank: Thanks the Navajo Hopi Program for what they have done for the communities.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: Thanks Cassandra for helping the community, caring and helping the elders, the schools and giving the recognition to the Chinle Chapter. Thanks Ethel Branch for her vision and for the report she gave.

Ms. Ethel Branch: States she is impressed and honored to work them, with elders, and thanks all of us, and show what they are capable of.

CCG Manager Walton Yazzie: He appreciated Navajo Hopi what they have done for the people. He likes working with them and that it is based on the people and they provided. All the other Chapters look up to our chapter. He wants to continue to work with them. Thanks them.

Ms. Ethel Branch: Thanks Walton for his leadership.

- c. **Brittiany Begay/Kyann Dedman-Cisco – Safe School**

Brittiany Begay: She is the research assistance and gave a brief report. Safe School is a project for community and student to return to In Person learning. Approved by Navajo Agency Council. There are three goals; 1). Support the schools. Implementation for staff and students. 2). Understand testing. 3). It is to learn how children and families are coping. Currently working with CUSD and Pinion USD for pool testing and actively recruiting. Eligible meet criteria have to be parent of 4 yr. to 16 yr. school age attending school, staff member, tribal member, student enrolled at reservation school. As of today 2/7/22, results as consented adults that participated at Tuba City site there have been (38) parents/ caregivers, (18) school staff, with Shiprock there have been (81) parents/caregivers, (27) school staff and then Chinle there have been (60) parents/caregivers, and (33) school staff. It has a lot of information about COVID testing can keep the schools safe also help the Navajo Nation, other communities, to understand the educational and social and emotional as they return to In person learning. You can call the information on the leaflet, for Tuba City it is Alicia Tsosie and her contact information

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is (928) 360-0445, for Shiprock, Lisa Covo (505) 368-4038, for Chinle site, Vanessa Begay (928) 674-6824. There is a website for Project Safe Schools. That is a brief report.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: asks for the differences in the information presented from previous reports in the amount of participation we have had.

Ms. Vanessa Begay: from the last meeting back in Jan with the changes is just adding the participants from recruitment that was enrolled and consented. There is goal they have to meet by the end of March of how many caregivers Chinle has to have and that goal is (75). Currently they have (60). (15) More parents/caregivers are needed. For teachers and staff they have to reach (32) and they have (33) participates for the teachers and staff. They have met that goal and they are just going to continue to recruit for the goal by March.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: What is the goal for students? As long as parent enrolled with them.

Ms. Vanessa Begay: Quota was met for that one.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: Serves on CUSD Governing Board and hasn't gotten a report from Safe Schools and the (12) students, (7) students are from Chinle. Were those (7) able to do the In-Depth in person interview, or were they excluded from that interview? I want to know how they felt about coming back into the schools as far as In-Person learning and the fear factor pertaining to COVID. Those are some key points she would like to see.

Ms. Vanessa Begay: The students pertaining to the students' aspect they also have the pool testing which includes Chinle. They are working with (10) schools. As long as they consent they can do the pool testing. On that one they catch more of the positives cases within the classroom, able to identify which student was positive. The research participants were worried about going back to school or infecting their families. Safety precaution implemented. There were no negative impacts. They preferred to be in person

d. Leander Staley – Strong Fathers

Leander Staley: Provides update for Strong Fathers that began July 2021. The program is for native and father figures. Aimed at increasing economic stability, reduce violence, and increase healthy relationships, and co-parenting in native communities. Participates go through (12) weekly, (2) hour sessions, a group of 8-10 fathers in a group. They do workshop that provide information on healthy relationships, parenting, co-parenting, and provide economic stability. Up to today, they have had (19) fathers complete the (12) weeks. They have (46) participants enrolled in the program. Some of the workshops had to be paused due to increase in COVID. They will be redoing the workshops or will be bring them back within the next week or so.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Ask if the (42) participants are enrolled in the Chinle area or if it is including other chapters.

Mr. Leander Staley: They program is ongoing for five years and their goal is to reach (750) father figures. The program is running in Chinle and Tuba City with a radius of fifty miles. If they are within fifty miles of they can enroll.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: asks if there is a difference in the (19) that graduated

Mr. Leander Staley: Yes. The program can contact them and give them referrals to agencies within the communities such as ADABI, or AA Classes. Some positive feedback they received from participants is that they were able to seek guidance as being a father figure. It is early to tell but they are receiving positive feedback from the participants enrolled.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: Thanks him for promoting the program. How long does the program run? What is the duration of the sessions? She does support the John Hopkins programs.

Mr. Leander Staley: They do 2 hr. workshops, incentives given (gift cards), and (12) weeks long.

Ms. Charlotte Begay: Thankful for the program that it gives self-esteem. Thanks Shawna and the John Hopkins.

Ms. Roselyn Yazzie: Wanted to ask a question. Pointed out that Charlotte was not an Official and got to speak.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Requests to keep meeting to the Officials. Meeting closed to community.

e. Elvira Honie– John Hopkins

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Ms. Elvira Honie: A quick report given about the RSV Project. It is a respiratory study. She is the research advisor. Looking at long term impacts of COVID 19 and how it affects those individual. Sub studies follows those that consent to be a part of the study. They are followed for 12 months to get better understanding of long term impact of the disease and how people's immune system respond over that that time. Multiple visits over the course of the year. She will provide more information at the Regular Chapter meeting. They are looking at a ten months period from Jan to Nov. Looking at COVID 19 vaccines among participant that were positive vs. those that test negative. They found that those that did not get vaccinated are having more severe symptoms, hospitalized. The study is cosponsored with the CDC. Data gained is shared with the Nation.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Appreciates their studies.

f. Charlotte Begay –

Ms. Charlotte Begay: Has a concern about the Build Back Better Act of the Senator Sinema and she is not supporting that Bill as well as the Voter's Rights Bill. Navajo Nation has voted for her and Chinle Agency, the (16) chapters has supported her. Chinle has high employment with limited business development with single parent households. How can the Navajo Nation, Chinle Chapter requesting of the Navajo Nation Legislation, and the Executive Branches to support Senator Sinema to support the Build Back Better Act and Voter's Rights Bill. How can we do that? At the Washington level, they are not supporting the two Bills. She thinks Eugene Tso may have some information and how to write a resolution because we have to go through the Chapter, Navajo Nation and the Office, the Government Office. How can we do this? She has a rough draft of the resolution and wants to know how to channel it through the state of Arizona.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Requests that she email it to the Officials to review it to get more information regarding the Bills she is referencing.

Vice President Shawna A. Claw: States that Charlotte has knowledge at the state level and is seeking to get her resolution forwarded to the Central Agency Council to try to advocate for the Senator to do more programs for the Navajo Nation. Charlotte is not a Chinle registered voter but is a constituent of the Central Navajo Agency. She is seeking a support resolution to try to get the leadership at the State level to reconsider some of those Bills that were mentioned. The one she is referring to is the Build Back Better Act under the Biden Administration. We did hear a little about the Voter's Right with the Redistricting. Those are her concerns. VP Claw is thankful for Ms. Begay to come forward to Chinle Chapter and to present her ideas. She just needed some guidance. When we receive the email we can give her some of that guidance in process of moving the resolution from Chapter to Central Agency. Thanks Charlotte.

President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Requests she email the resolution to Chinle Chapter or drop it off.

Ms. Charlotte. Begay: States she will draft it Wednesday. She states she needs help with the draft because she wants it to be effective and it concerns Chinle Agency, the (16) Chapters She would like for Tuba City and Fort Defiance involved in the resolution because Chinle Agency is not the only one with high unemployment and single parent households. She (Senator Sinema) is not supporting Chinle Agency, she is our opposition. Thanks Vice President Shawna for helping with other information.

Honorable Council Delegate Eugene Tso: The one that is mentioned is being dropped on the Legislation. They are going forward with, was she (Ms. Begay) is. There are other stuff on it. Central Agency can also help with it. It can be attached.

Motion to accept report: Shawna Claw

Second: Oscar Bia Sr.

Discussions:

Vote: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Reports accepted.

XI. Next Scheduled Regular Chapter Meeting Date 2-22-2022, Time: 5:30 PM.

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President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thanks everyone presented. States it will be hosted online.

XII. Adjournment by CP Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 8:06 PM.

Motion: Oscar Bia Sr.

Second: Roann Burbank

Discussions:

Honorable Council Delegate Eugene Tso: Requests a few minutes. He states he is going to be on the RDC Agenda at next meeting and will keep us informed.

Vote: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Submitted by



Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Roann Burbank

