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Sign-in Sheet

Date: 06/17/2024 Planning Meeting Regular Meeting Special Meeting

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| 1. President: <u>PAM</u> | 21. <u>Cherilyn Sells- LDA</u> |
| 2. Vice President: <u>Deborah Keuler</u> | 22. <u>Donna Boyd</u> |
| 3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u>Robert Burbank</u> | 23. <u>Pamela Bu</u> |
| 4. Grazing Official: <u>[Signature]</u> | 24. <u>Elina Honie</u> |
| 5. Council Delegate: <u>[Signature]</u> | 25. <u>Benjamin Denahie</u> |
| 6. <u>Anthony Clauschee</u> | 26. <u>Jonathan Francis W.</u> |
| 7. <u>Robynny [Signature]</u> | 27. <u>Acasha Yazzie</u> |
| 8. <u>Antoinette Sig</u> | 28. <u>Karen [Signature]</u> |
| 9. <u>Carmen Yazzie</u> | 29. <u>Chris James</u> |
| 10. <u>Kristin Mitchell</u> | 30. <u>STEPHAUNIE BEHAYE</u> |
| 11. <u>Suzanna Nakai - USU</u> | 31. <u>Sand Bayak</u> |
| 12. <u>Priscine Jones</u> | 32. <u>Chantz Samuel</u> |
| 13. <u>Glen Wilson</u> | 33. <u>Delta Higdon</u> |
| 14. <u>Anderson [Signature]</u> | 34. <u>Roshelle Wagner</u> |
| 15. <u>Kyan [Signature]</u> | 35. <u>Shantell Yazzie</u> |
| 16. <u>Michelle Henry</u> | 36. <u>Ida Teller</u> |
| 17. <u>Jayne Mitchell</u> | 37. <u>Frieda White</u> |
| 18. <u>[Signature]</u> | 38. <u>Rona Tso</u> |
| 19. <u>Christina Bitni (Rosita [Signature])</u> | 39. <u>Carol Parker</u> |
| 20. <u>Teresita Picardi</u> | 40. <u>Valerie [Signature]</u> |

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| 41. Betty Rose Draper | 64. Nelson Billy |
| 42. Fogel Jones | 65. Tevora Jona - ORC |
| 43. Larry Foster / Assoc | 66. Lisa Jona - ORC |
| 44. Al Bedda | 67. Austin Groeschel - ORC |
| 45. Joseph Damm | 68. Leonora Begay |
| 46. C. Mer Dri | 69. CHEREE TRASIE |
| 47. Arlene Damm | 70. TISHANNA SPENCER |
| 48. [unclear] | 71. Brittany Begay |
| 49. Mark Ashby | 72. Sheri Duesell |
| 50. Doreen Bia | 73. |
| 51. Mary Van Dusen | 74. |
| 52. Alex Greenleaf | 75. |
| 53. JACOB WEBB | 76. |
| 54. Leonard H. P. [unclear] | 77. |
| 55. Walter Yezw | 78. |
| 56. Wanda Nelson | 79. |
| 57. James Billy | 80. |
| 58. [unclear] | 81. |
| 59. Arash Ni Moalem | 82. |
| 60. Samantha Bia | 83. |
| 61. Kaiten Bia | 84. |
| 62. Maurice Curley | 85. |
| 63. M. Begay | 86. |

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Chinle Chapter Government Regular Meeting Minutes June 17, 2024 5:00 PM

- I. Call Meeting to Order by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:30 pm.
- II. Invocation by Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
- III. Review and Adopt Agenda read in by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
 - **Motion: Teresita Bizadi**
 - **Second: Pamela Bia**
 - **Discussion(s):** None noted
 - **Vote: 24 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 2**
- IV. Review and Adopt May Regular Meeting Minutes read in by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (S/T) RoAnn Burbank.
 - **Motion: Teresita Bizadi**
 - **Second: Mary VanDever**
 - **Discussion(s):** None noted.
 - **Vote: Opposed: Abstained:**
- V. Review and Adopt May 2024 ending Financial Report read in by S/T RoAnn Burbank.
 - **Motion: Mary VanDever**
 - **Second: Rena Tso**
 - **Discussion(s):**
 - S/T RoAnn Burbank:** made changes to the Financial Report to May 2024 ending Financial Report due to being told that she wasn't doing the report right and the end of month report is needed for upcoming audit.
 - CCG Walton Yazzie:** covered the Revenues and Expenditures Report and how he gets his Chapter June 2024 Fund Activity report.
 - Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:** recommends to use CCG Manage Walton Yazzie's Report because S/T's report is off.
 - Ms. Teresita Bizadi:** asked how the community can help with the ARPA funding.
 - CCG Walton Yazzie:** recommends to have community to keep contacting DOJ, Rodrick Begay and Lorenzo Curley. The procurement is done and there is no template for ARPA projects to start. Contracts have to be approved by DOJ. The Deadline has been extended today by President Buu Nygren to 2026. He states he can get a template from Tuba City to move things forward.
 - Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:** informs community that the Congress is trying to take money back.
 - Ms. Helen Billie:** requested for tree trimming.
 - S/T RoAnn Burbank:** advised that Navajo Forestry was out three times to cut down trees however they have to schedule the same day as Frontier to take the lines down so to cut trees down.
 - **Vote: 30 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 3**
- VI. Announcements
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- b. Happy Father's Day! June 17, 2024, CCG will be hosting dinner.
- c. Suzanna Clark-Nakai – Utah State University of Blanding, Utah
Ms. Suzanna Clark-Nakai: gave a report about USU that offers degrees in Trucking, Nursing and Social Services. She shared videos from Youtube.
- d. Alex Greenstein of Greenstein & Company – introduced himself and he brought Subway sandwiches.

VII. Community Concern(s):

- **Honorable Delegate Shawna Ann Claw:** had a concern about working together. Chinle has a pre-conference meeting scheduled tomorrow for Auditing. There was a report emailed to Finance and Budget Finance Office. She talked about the funds in each of the Funds. She has brought \$3.8 Million into the chapter and Chinle Chapter almost has all funds drawn down. She states that the chapter had entered a contract and agreement with US Treasury which would be the Berm in the amount of \$1.9 million and there is \$1.5 million reported short \$500,000 and she also talked about entering a Pilot project and that Chinle Chapter will be audited. Chinle has received \$8.8 million from ARPA and has already spent \$70,000 which qualifies for an audit. There was also a report on the \$50,000 that was moved from the South Well for a water pump repair for Valley Store Farmers which was also flagged because it is moving to a different location so it has to be audited. Delegate Shawna Ann Claw reminded Chapter Officials that the Congress do not talk to Chapter Officials and there was a complaint Chinle Chapter had gone to Washington DC and spoke with Eli Crane. They work with the Delegates. Delegate Shawna Ann Claw spoke about the donations that Chinle have received. Two known in the amount of \$5,000 which CCG Manager and Chapter President used to get to Washington on and another Chinle Chapter received from a movie crew in the amount of \$10,000 and it is up to the community to decide what they want to do with the donations given to Chinle Chapter. Delegate states she moves money not projects. She would like to work on a new Senior Center, ADABI, CCC and Dine Youth if there is extra funding.

VIII. Old Business: None noted.

IX. New Business:

CHIN-JUN-24-038: SUPPORTING CHINLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #24 TO UPDATE LEASES FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL FACILITIES WITH THE NAVAJO NATION FOR A TERM OF 50 YEARS PLUS TWO TWENTY-FIVE YEAR TERMS FOR A TOTAL OF 100 YEARS.

- **Motion:** Anderson Jones
- **Second:** Agatha Spencer
- **Discussion(s):**
Ms. Prescine Jones: gave a report about the resolution.
- **Motion to amend (2) tow additional terms of 25 years:** Ms. Teresita Bizadi
- **Second:** Donella Bizadi
- **Vote to Amend: 21 Opposed: 2 Abstained: 8**
- **Main Vote: 32 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 4**

- a. **CHIN-JUN-24-039:** SUPPORTING NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY (NTUA) REQUEST FOR A CHINLE CHAPTER RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR ITS LAND WITHDRAWAL OF AND LEASE 100 ±Acres TO CONSTRUCTION OF FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE CHINLE CHAPTER.

- **Motion:** Anderson Jones

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- **Second:** Betty Rose Draper
- **Discussions(s):**

Ms. Prescine Jones: gave a report about the leases that need to be renewed to get funding for renovation or reconstruction. She asked Delegate if she was able to help.

Delegate Shawna Ann Claw: gave a history of the school and the leases. It had to be prioritized as 1. CCC for youths, 2. Chapter 1991 resolution has to be corrected, 3. The acreage was wrong which has been corrected. Delegate Shawna Ann Claw states that she can move it forward and can work on getting \$20 million from different sources.

- **Vote: 33** **Opposed: 0** **Abstained: 4**

- c. **CHIN-JUN-24-040:** SUPPORTING NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY (NTUA) REQUEST FOR ITS LAND WITHDRAWAL OF AND LEASE 100± ACRES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN CHINLE CHAPTER.

- **Motion:** Anderson Jones
- **Second:** Pamela Bia
- **Discussion(s):**

Ms. Michelle Henry: gave a report on the solar project and the need to work with the permittees, other chapters like Cottonwood and Salina to get the 100 acres.

Mr. Arash Moalem: talked about the project and how Chinle will benefit and that the energy will stay on Navajo. He shared that there will be internship and scholarships available. The project could take 2 years to complete.

Ms. Teresita Bizadi: asked if they were working with Community Boundary lines or Grazing Boundary lines because the resolution says Chapter boundaries.

Mr. Arash Moalem: explained they are working with GLADD and Navajo Nation. He also gave the three possible locations which are off Hwy 191 and Rt 4 Jct.

- **Vote: 24** **Opposed: 2** **Abstained: 6**

X. Reports:

- a. Honorable Delegate Shawna Ann Claw

Honorable Shawna Ann Claw gave a report and there is a Summary on file.

- b. Chinle Chapter Government Manager Walton Yazzie

CCG Manager Walton Yazzie: gave a report about AmeriCorps renewed for 7th year, and he gave an update about the Bathroom additions and starting new foundations for 19 more on Friday. He was questioned by Karen Spencer about allowing the student works into the uninsured vehicle and state that they are not AmeriCorps workers and Chinle Chapter needs to get insured if they are going to be transporting the students. He also informed the community that CCG was done with the Septic cleaning for this year.

- c. Chinle Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch gave a report and a Summary is on file.

- d. Chapter Vice President Cynthia Hunter – **passed her time to Chapter President.**

- e. Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank – **No report was given.**

- f. Grazing Representative (GR) Oscar Bia Sr.

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GR Oscar Bia Sr.: gave a report about cancelling land use that is not being used, permittee has to plant or use it for a Homesite Lease. Learn to farm, and have it plowed every two years or it could be cancelled. He talked about family Burial Sites and that Grazing Representatives are not allowed to sign them.

g. Larry Foster –Day At A Time Club

Mr Larry Foster: did an update report on the project and that Chinle Chapter is helping them. He also submitted a report.

Ms. Roqui Jones: introduced herself and left her contact number (928) 266-9627.

h. Kyann Dedman-Cisco – Johns Hopkins

Ms. Mitchell: did a report on their studies and projects. One update was the Color Run in which they worked with partners CCG, NAU and AmeriCorps. They are also hosting the Hozho Summer Camp for youths up to 19 years old and learning about health and wellness. She offered updated on (3) projects. She talked about the Cancer Care which offers education, needs of community and interviews and talked about suicide screenings where round tables have been done and if the questions are appropriate for our culture. They will also be recruiting 600 participants.

Ms. Elvira Honie: did an update on the third study about Infection Strains in which 500 kids are enrolled from surrounding areas. The Infection strain leads to pneumonia and sepsis and there are vaccine policies.

i. Laverna Tishie – RISE **Not in attendance.**

j. Antoinette Bia – Holbrook Residence Hall

Ms. Antoinette Bia: spoke about the Holbrook Residential Hall and the programs they offer and the summer events (Drums of Summer) that will be hosted by them. The Residence Hall offers, culture learning, dual credits that transfer to college, grades 9 to 12, tutoring, Boys and Girls Club and it is a safe place for students. She has posted the application links at the Chapter Administration.

k. Oscar Renda – Southland Contracting, INC.

Mr. Oscar Renda: gave information on the QR Scan code that will be posted outside their worksite for people to apply. They are hiring. They will also be attending the workshop on July 12 at the Chinle Chapter

XI. Next Scheduled Planning Meeting; July 01, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

XII. Adjournment

- No adjournment due to losing Quorum at 10:15 pm and community left Meeting at 11:19 pm.

Submitted by 
Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank