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Chinle Chapter Government  
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 05/20/2024

☐ Planning Meeting

☒ Regular Meeting

☐ Special Meeting

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|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. President: <u>POH</u>                | 21. <u>Rosemary 42</u>               |
| 2. Vice President: <u>Debra Kuleb</u>   | 22. <u>Josephine Bitsui</u>          |
| 3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u>Ram Burt</u> | 23. <u>Byron T. Bae Sr.</u>          |
| 4. Grazing Official:                    | 24. <u>Ellen Wilson</u>              |
| 5. Council Delegate:                    | 25. <u>Larry Foster (DAATZ)</u>      |
| 6. <u>Ernest R Begay</u>                | 26. <u>THEMA BEBAYE (DAATZ)</u>      |
| 7. <u>Virginia Bizadi</u>               | 27. <u>Roqui Jones</u>               |
| 8. <u>Nicco Soubner</u>                 | 28. <u>Art Yarra, Sr.</u>            |
| 9. <u>Cherilyn Sells - LDA/claw</u>     | 29. <u>Auburn Jones</u>              |
| 10. <u>Theresa Sells</u>                | 30. <u>Arren Francis</u>             |
| 11. <u>Betty Rose Draper</u>            | 31. <u>Gayle Bismar</u>              |
| 12. <u>Juanita</u>                      | 32. <u>Bobbie Ann Bled</u>           |
| 13. <u>Teresita Bizadi</u>              | 33. <u>Lalomy Johnson - vsm</u>      |
| 14. <u>Judy Attson</u>                  | 34. <u>Diana RED HASE</u>            |
| 15. <u>ETRA SUE</u>                     | 35. <u>Donna Roan</u>                |
| 16. <u>Robbyn Hickman NTUA</u>          | 36. <u>Adrienne Yazzie</u>           |
| 17. <u>Stewart S Yazzie</u>             | 37. <u>John</u>                      |
| 18. <u>Rose Begay</u>                   | 38. <u>John 333</u>                  |
| 19. <u>Wayne Elton</u>                  | 39. <u>Art Yarra</u>                 |
| 20. <u>Braden Bitsie</u>                | 40. <u>Robert Yazzie</u>             |
|                                         | 41. <u>Timothy Y. Boson - DHA-Ad</u> |
|                                         | 42. <u>AGATHA YAZZIE</u>             |

41. Savannah Toni
42. Sherry Yazzel
43. Denise
44. Mary VanDusen
45. Taylor Billy
46. Carol Parker
47. Nelson Billy
48. Vicki Suf
49. Shelmari Jones
50. Bessie Henry
51. Sandy Bayle
52. Phillip Jake
53. N. Begay
54. H. E. Atkinson
55. Norman Claw
56. Lane Benally
57. T Miller
58. Amy Bay
59. Samantha Bia
60. Kotten Bia
61. Candice Nendez
62. Danny TSOSE
63. Patrick Sanders

64. Elizabeth Tso
65. Valerie Allen
66. Louis Shepherd, NTH
67. Candace Slin
68. Benjamin Benall
69. James John (Victor)
70. Sadie Tso "
71. Charlene Tso "
72. Earl Tully NTH
73. Olin Kienomina, OVP
74. Caroline Wagner
75. Garyland
76. Rona Tso
77. Michele Wodder
78. Elca Warren
79. Markey Skebela Freelance Investor & Journalist / Dine Family Small Business
80. Leonora Begay
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## CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2024, 5:00 PM

- I. Meeting Call to Order by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:16 PM.
- II. Invocation by Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.  
**A sign-in sheet is on file.**
- III. Review and Adopt Agenda read in by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.  
**Motion: Anderson Jones**  
**Second: Teresita Bizadi**  
**Discussion(s):**
  - a. **Mr. Paul Guy was added to announcement #6. e., and requested switch Community Concern(s): with Reports.**
  - b. **Ms. Mary VanDever requested to add Legislation 0107-24; which is CHIN-MAY-24-037 (item f.) to New Business c.**
  - c. **Ms. Teresita Bizadi requested to correct the Financial Report. The Scholarship fund reflects a +\$ 1,200 which is a Revenue when it is to be a -\$1,200 which is an expense in the amount of. She also requested to have the April 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes to the Chapter website.****Vote: 50      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 9**
- IV. Review and Adopt April 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes read in by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (S/T ) RoAnn Burbank.  
**Motion: Pete Tsinnijinnie**  
**Second: Anderson Jones**  
**Discussions:**

Community members requested to have the Planning and Regular Meeting Minutes be posted online after approval within (5) five days.

**Vote: 43      Opposed: 0      Abstained: 16**
- V. Review and Adopt the Financial Report read in by Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank.  
**Motion: Pete Tsinnijinnie**  
**Second: Wayne Claw**  
**Discussions:**

A community member asked questions about what the expenses where spent on in the Navajo Nation Fund which was reflecting expenses for insurance on the Combining Balance sheet, Land Claims Trust Fund did not reflect the expenses on the Combining Balance sheet, and why the Warehouse ARPA Fund is \$600,000 and that is supposed to be \$1.2 Million. The reason there was only \$600,000 was because the Budget Finance Office was only giving 50% of the total amount until the project gets started then there will be an increase in the funding will be given.

**Vote: 40      Opposed: 5      Abstained: 16**
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Ms. Charlaine Tso gave a report about her candidacy. She plans to do quarterly visits and work one-on-one with chapter. She will also be running for Red Mesa School Board. She announced that there will be a Rally the first week of July.

e. Paul Guy, Chinle Chapter President Candidate

Mr. Paul Guy reported about his candidacy and that he has received his certified notice. He wants to revisit the Chapter Mission and Vision Statement, reform the local governance. He announced that the Primary Elections are on July 30, 2024.

VI. Reports:

a. Honorable Delegate Shawna Ann Claw

**A report was given and a Summary is on file.**

b. Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

**A report was given a Summary is on file.**

c. Chapter Vice President, Cynthia Hunter

**No report.**

d. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, RoAnn Burbank

**A report was given.**

e. Chapter Manager, Walton Yazzie

**No report.**

f. Grazing Representative, Oscar Bia, Sr.

**A report was given.**

g. Michelle Henry – NTUA Generation Inc.

**A report was given and a presentation print out is on file.**

h. Nicole Sombrero – NTUA Choice Wireless Broadband

**A projector presentation was given and a flyer is on file.**

i. Larry Foster – Day At A Time Club

**A report was given and Job announcements are on file.**

j. Oscar Renda – Southland Holdings LLC (NTUA Lagoon Updates)

**A report was given.**

k. Anderson Jones, IEC

**A report was given.**

**Motion to accept reports: Pete Tsinnijinnie**

**Second: Teresita Bizadi**

**Vote: 53**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 12**

VII. Old Business: None noted.

VIII. New Business:

**Motion to move d. ahead first: Pete Tsinnijinnie**

**Second: Nora RunningCrane**

**Discussion(s):**

The comment was that most people were at the chapter meeting for this resolution.

**Vote: 48**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 7**



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**Motion to Table: Pete Tsinnijinnie**

**Second to Table: Wayne Claw**

**Discussion(s):**

Community members explained that they don't want the Resolution at the Chapter level because it could compromise their funding for their programs.

**Vote: 20**

**Opposed: 27**

**Abstained: 17**

**Motion Table failed.**

**Motion: Rena Tso**

**Second: Nora RunningCrane**

Many community members commented that it was already being invested. Other Community members were concerned that the government was involved, others questioned why the People are looking way or denying that it happened. It was questioned if it was going to put other people on leave and if there is a police report which had not been filed. Chinle has a history of placing people on Annual Leave which affect the local and Navajo Nation governments. It is up to the Delegate with colleges to decide if it moves forward. The resolution was not brought up at the Planning Meeting and the process was not followed. Chinle Chapter was informed that Two (2) other chapters had passed the resolution already. Other comments were about how it would be overlooking the females and that they need the action for those that have experienced Harassment, bullying, sexual assault and sexual harassment. It is for the scared of females. The Delegate spoke that she will do what the people decided. The 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council (NNC) had attended a Leadership meeting which did not provided any information about the complainant which affects the emotions and trauma of an experience. The NNC decided to have an investigation started. She also explained that the Chinle Chapter is a LGA Certified chapter and that there is a process for resolutions which goes to the Planning meeting- ASC-DOJ-Regular Meeting. The Power Plant will be closing in 2031.

**Vote: 25**

**Opposed: 18**

**Abstained: 24**

**Resolution moves forward.**

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VICINITY OF CHINLE CHAPTER (PROJECT NO. 132100005). *Sponsors Michelle Henry, Martin Ashley and Robbin Hickman*

**Motion: Nora RunningCrane**

**Second: Mary VanDever**

### **Discussions:**

Report states the project would offer two (2) Intern positions and two (2) scholarships each year for the life of the lease (25 years) which would be (50) fifty intern and scholarships for the community. The solar project would serve Chinle before serving the surrounding communities and the power would remain on Navajo. A community member asked about the TAAs the NTUA request for which costs the community funds. NTUA is keeps asking for waivers which requires the TAAs and the cost is added to the operational, maintenance, and electric costs.

**Vote: 25**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 8**

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**Motion to combine resolutions a, b, c, and amend f.: Sharon Yazzie**

**Second: Karen Spencer**

### **Discussion(s):**

Some Community members asked what was included in the vehicle because it was cost \$68,000. There were three quotes obtained and this vehicle is basic with no extras. Community had concerns of how the vehicles might be mistreated and equipment are being used and requested the have the Chinle Chapter sign/ symbol placed on the vehicles. It was brought to chapter's attention that some of the employees were using their own vehicles and a question about the wear on their vehicles and who would pay for the repairs.

**Vote: 25**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 7**

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**Motion: Sharon Yazzie**

**Second: Karen Spencer**

### **Discussion(s):**

One comment was made about the research and how many Navajos had been picked up by extraterrestrials. No reply made.

**Vote: 25**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 7**

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**Motion: Sharon Yazzie**

**Second: Karen Spencer**

**Discussion(s):**

Mr. Earl Tullie gave a report on the resolution.

**Vote: 25**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 7**

- f. **CHIN-MAY-24-037: SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE THE WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS OF THE NAVAJO NATION IN THE RIO SAN JOSE STREAM SYSTEM IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO** *Sponsor, Earl Tullie*

**Motion: Sharon Yazzie**

**Second: Karen Spencer**

**Discussion(s):**

Mr. Earl Tullie gave a report on the resolution.

**Vote: 25**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 7**

IX. Community Concern(s): None noted.

X. Next scheduled Regular Meeting: June, 03 2024 at 5:00 PM

XI. Adjournment by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 11:55 PM.

**Motion: Teresita Bizadi**

**Second: Nora RunnigCrane**

**Discussion(s): None noted.**

**Vote: 26**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 2**

Submitted by



Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank