

Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

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Planning Meeting Agenda

October 04, 2024

9:00 AM

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda
- IV. Review and Adopt Meeting Minutes
- V. Review and Adopt the Financial Statement(s)
- VI. Announcements:
 - a. October 14, 2024 is Indigenous People's Day. Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures.
- VII. Community Concern(s):
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:
 - a. **CHIN-OCT-24-058:** SUPPORTING NAVAJO CHINLE VETERANS ORGANIZATION TO WITHDRAW A NEW BUSINESS SITE LEASE.
 - b. **CHIN-OCT-24-059:** SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT DR. BUU VAN NYGREN; DIRECTING THE CHINLE CHAPTER COUNCIL DELEGATE TO IMMEDIATELY REQUEST A REMOVAL RESOLUTION, URGE THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO DIRECT THEIR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO MAKE THIS LEGISLATION A PRIORITY, AND COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS ON REMOVAL; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CHINLE CHAPTER COUNCIL DELEGATE TO EXECUTE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION.
 - c. **CHIN-OCT-24-060:** APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER AN EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE NAVAJO ELECTION CODE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE PROVISIONS TO RESCIND CJA-08-24 AT §§201 THROUGH 209 AND §404 TO ALLOW THE 192 DISQUALIFIED 2024 NAVAJO NATION PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES TO BE PLACED BACK ON THE BALLOT.
- X. Reports:
 - a. Otis Clarke
- XI. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: October 14, 2024 at 5:00PM.
- XII. Adjournment

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Sign-in Sheet

Date: 10/04/2024

☒ Planning Meeting☐ Regular Meeting☐ Special Meeting

1. President:

2. Vice President.

3. Secretary/Treasurer:

4. Grazing Official:

5. Council Delegate:

6. Alarice Allen

7. Vincent Thomas

8. Shirley Thorne

9. Ellen Wilson

10. Larry Brown

11. Sharon Yazzie

12. Tishanna Spencer

13. Scaphi Tosley ^{AN-Vaprob}

14. Elizabeth Tsosie

15. Greg H. Symon

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17. Vanessa Begaye

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Chinle Chapter Government Monthly Planning Meeting Minutes October 04, 2024 9:00 AM

- I. Call Meeting to Order by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 9:06 AM.
- II. Invocation by RoAnn Burbank
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda read in by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
 - **Motion: Cynthia Hunter**
 - **Second: RoAnn Burbank**
 - **Discussions(s):**
Vincent Thomas: requested to be put on the Commissioner's Agenda
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: placed him under the Community Concern(s).
Remove Otis Clark because he will be attending the November Planning Meeting.
 - **Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**
- IV. Review and Adopt September Meeting Minutes read in by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (S/T) RoAnn Burbank.
 - **Motion: Cynthia Hunter**
 - **Second: RoAnn Burbank**
 - **Discussion(s):**
 - **Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**
- V. Review and Adopt the September Financial Statement read in by Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank.
 - **Motion: Cynthia Hunter**
 - **Second: RoAnn Burbank**
 - **Discussion(s):**
Larry Brown: requested to have AmeriCorps financials read again
S/T RoAnn Burbank: spoke loud enough for Larry to hear the financials.
Vice President Cynthia Hunter: explained the federal fundings and how it is used and received.
 - **Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**
- VI. Announcements:
 - a. October 14, is Indigenous People's day. Indigenous People's Day is a holiday in the United States that celebrates and honors Indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures.
- VII. Community Concern(s):
 - a. **Vincent Thomas** – request for the Chinle Chapter to assist him with receiving a FEMA home and needs a passable roadway because the road has a wash that has boulders and needs to be filled. He does not know if ADOT owns it or if it is a private road and request that the Chinle Chapter Government assist him with \$120,000 for a culvert.
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: explained the FMS; which does not allow for the Chinle Chapter to assist with the road repair. Chapter President did state she will inform Delegate Shawna Ann Claw to request for the funding request.
Chapter Vice President Cynthia Hunter: explained that Chinle Chapter can get the supporting resolution they can use to request for assistance. Vice President also talked about having clearances done correctly for road construction which is required.

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Saraphina Josely: state they have been looking at another option with the AVA and Vincent Thomas is to re-route the road.

Delegate Shawna Ann Claw: explained that they need to find out who owns the road and that way they can on TTIPS. Delegate informed that they could do a temporary Right of Way by getting a temporary permit through who ever owns the road and that could be NDOT, or ADOT. Delegate Claw informed that she will have to do more research and submit to NDOT and RDC and she can ask county to assist and she will need the Supporting Resolution.

Sharon Yazzie: asked if there was a timeline or a deadline. She also explained the process and requirements of clearances, permits, and what is needed for NDOT to put them on and to develop a report with the Supporting Resolution to advocate to improve the road.

Larry Brown: made a suggestion that they could use water channels **over the wash.**

VIII. Old Business: None Noted.

IX. New Business:

a. **CHIN-OCT-24-000:** CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CHINLE NAVAJO CHINLE VETERANS ORGANIZATION (CNVO) TO WITHDRAW BUSINESS SITE LEASE

- **Motion:** Cynthia Hunter
- **Second:** RoAnn Burbank
- **Discussion(s):**

Valerie Allen: gave a report about the Business Lease and how they have already been using it for horse races and will be working towards getting grants for a building and to help the veterans assistance with employment, education and training. She also provided information on the (14) fourteen supporting resolutions gained from other chapters and the Chinle Agency Council. The resolutions will be attached to the support resolution. NVO is recognized as CNVO and is non-profit

Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: requested for the acreage because the BIA needs to consent and it can be attached to start the process and they will need Oscar Bia's consent.

Elizabeth Tsosie: asked why they could just use the (14) fourteen supporting resolution instead of the (16) sixteen Chapter supporting resolutions that were being requested.

Sharon Yazzie: request to have the (14) Support Resolutions attached to the Support Resolution request.

- **Vote: 3** **Opposed: 0** **Abstained: 1**

Add resolution to October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.

b. **CHIN-OCT-24-000:** SUPPORTING THE REMOVAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT DR. BUU VAN NYGREN; DIRECTING THE CHINLE CHAPTER COUNCIL DELEGATE TO IMMEDIATELY REQUEST A REMOVAL RESOLUTION, URGE THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION TO DIRECT THEIR LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO MAKE THIS LEGISLATION A PRIORITY, AND COMMENCE DISCUSSIONS ON REMOVAL; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CHINLE CHAPTER COUNCIL DELEGATE TO EXECUTE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

- **Motion to move resolution to Regular Meeting:** Cynthia Hunter
- **Second:** NONE
- **Discussion(s):**

S/T RoAnn Burbank: read into record an email received by her that states the *Shirley v. Morgan* case did not allow the president due process. So, the Resolution is Out of Order and that the resolution

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and is only based on allegations.

Greg Bigman: gave a report and talked about his resources which are listed on the resolution.

S/T RoAnn Burbank: read into record an email received by her that states the *Shirley v. Morgan* case did not allow the president due process. DOJ does not pick sides and DOJ is there for the Navajo Nation. So, the Resolution is Out of Order and that the resolution is based on allegations. S/T explained it will divide chapter.

Greg Bigman: states that DOJ using his position to suppress chapters is malpractice and is giving a one-sided opinion. He states the CCG has local control and let the Chapter Speak.

Larry Brown: explained that he doesn't want the resolution because it could cause funding not to be given due to chapter's careless actions and it will divide us.

Elizabeth Tsosie: states the resolution is going to divide the chapter picking sides.

- **Motion to attach email: Cynthia Hunter**
- **Second: RoAnn Burbank**
- **Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**

Email is attached.

- c. **CHIN-OCT-24-000:** APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE 25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, THE NAVAJO BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER AN EMERGENCY LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE NAVAJO ELECTION CODE CAMPAIGN EXPENSE PROVISIONS TO RESCIND CJA-08-24 AT §§201 THROUGH 209 AND §404 TO ALLOW THE 192 DISQUALIFIED 2024 NAVAJO NATION PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES TO BE PLACED BACK ON THE BALLOT

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- **Second:** RoAnn Burbank
- **Discussion(s):**

S/T RoAnn Burbank: asked if was too late to rescind?

Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: states it was not too late.

- **Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**

- d. **CHIN-OCT-24-000:** Add Resolution for the updated Policies and Procedures

- **Motion:** Cynthia Hunter
- **Second:** RoAnn Burbank
- **Discussion(s):**
- **Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1**

X. Reports:

a. Otis Clark

S/T RoAnn Burbank: request to remove Otis Clark because he will be attending the November Planning Meeting to give a report on his study on Covid and High School Students.

XI. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: October 14, 2024.

XII. Adjournment at 11:10 am by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.

- **Motion:** Cynthia Hunter
- **Second:** RoAnn Burbank

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- Discussion(s): None noted.
- Vote: 2 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1

Submitted by RoAnn Burbank
S/T RoAnn Burbank

