

Chinle Chapter Government

THE NAVAJO NATION

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Chinle Chapter Government Regular Meeting Agenda September 16, 2024 5:00 PM

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Invocation
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda
- IV. Review and Adopt the Meeting Minutes
- V. Review and Adopt Financial Report
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Community Concern(s):
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business:
 - a. **CHIN-SEP-24-053:** THE CHINLE VALLEY PUMP USERS ASSOCIATION (CVPUA) ARE URGENTLY REQUESTING BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY (BYU) AND OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES DEALING WITH IRRIGATION AND FARMING TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATING EFFORT IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN REPAIRING AND OR REPLACING THE DOWN IRRIGATION PUMP
 - b. **CHIN-SEP-24-054:** CHINLE CHAPTER APPROVING THE ENDORSEMENT OF JONATHAN M. NEZ FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE FOR ARIZONA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2
- X. Reports:
 - a. Tara Benally, Wingbeat 88
 - b. Mary VanDever, NHA
 - c. Roqui Jones, Day At A Time Club
 - d. Laverne Tishie, RISE Services
 - e. Walton Yazzie, CCG Manager
 - f. Oscar Bia Sr., Grazing Representative
 - g. Honorable Delegate Shawna Ann Claw
 - h. Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch
 - i. Chapter President Cynthia Hunter
 - j. Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank
- XI. Next Scheduled Planning Meeting: October 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM
- XII. Adjournment

Chinle Chapter Government
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 9/16/2024

☐ Planning Meeting

☒ Regular Meeting

☐ Special Meeting

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| 1. President: <u>[Signature]</u> | 21. <u>Ailee Doreen</u> |
| 2. Vice President: <u>[Signature]</u> | 22. <u>Doreen Bia</u> |
| 3. Secretary/Treasurer: <u>[Signature]</u> | 23. <u>Cherilyn Sells-LDA</u> |
| 4. Grazing Official: <u>[Signature]</u> | 24. <u>Sharon Yazzie</u> |
| 5. Council Delegate: <u>[Signature]</u> | 25. <u>Myn John</u> |
| 6. <u>[Signature]</u> | 26. <u>Everard Green</u> |
| 7. <u>[Signature]</u> | 27. <u>Terelyn Brown</u> |
| 8. <u>Deanne Tah</u> | 28. <u>Tramton Oliver</u> |
| 9. <u>Ellen Wilson</u> | 29. <u>Nathan Tabaka</u> |
| 10. <u>Samt Burbank</u> | 30. <u>Kabelk Etoify</u> |
| 11. <u>[Signature]</u> | 31. <u>Ellie Wynn</u> |
| 12. <u>Carol Parker</u> | 32. <u>Sham Sells</u> |
| 13. <u>Shelmarie Jones</u> | 33. <u>Chris Martin</u> |
| 14. <u>Karen Ann</u> | 34. <u>Vincent Thomas</u> |
| 15. <u>STEPHANIE BEGAYE</u> | 35. <u>Shirley Thomas</u> |
| 16. <u>HARRY CLARK</u> | 36. <u>Michael Francis</u> |
| 17. <u>Rena Lynch</u> | 37. <u>Heck Billy</u> |
| 18. <u>Chanelle Begaye</u> | 38. <u>James Billy</u> |
| 19. <u>Tishauna Spencer</u> | 39. <u>Katlyn To</u> |
| 20. <u>Rena To</u> | 40. <u>Chere To</u> |

41. Jim Bragg	64.
42. Teddy Bragg	65.
43. Stuart Martin	66.
44. Billy King	67.
45. Rogui Jones, PAATC	68.
46. Larry Weber, OSUAC	69.
47. Loretta Barr	70.
48. Lena Handy	71.
49. Helena Kozmin	72.
50. Andrea Kozmin	73.
51. Teixeira Francis	74.
52. Aven Francis	75.
53. Natalie Hunter	76.
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Chinle Chapter Government Regular Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024 5:00 PM

- I. Call Meeting to Order by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:17 pm.
- II. Invocation by Oscar Bia Sr.
- III. Review and Adopt the Agenda read in by Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.
 - **Motion: Alfred Guy**
 - **Second: Sharon Yazzie**
 - **Discussion(s):**
Ernest Burbank: request to get help because help received a letter from Walton Yazzie that the denied his request. He states he will be going to Rough Rock Chapter and tore up his letter and placed it in front of Secretary/Treasurer. The letter is on file.
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: request to remove Reports (d.) Laverne Tishie, RISE and (e.) Walton Yazzie, CCG Manager.
 - **Vote: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 4**
- IV. Review and Adopt the Meeting Minutes read in by Chapter Secretary/Treasurer (S/T) RoAnn Burbank.
 - **Motion: Alfred Guy**
 - **Second: Karen Spencer**
 - **Discussion(s): None noted.**
 - **Vote: 28 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 4**
- V. Review and Adopt Financial Report read in by Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank.
 - **Motion: Elvira Martin**
 - **Second: Alfred Guy**
 - **Discussion(s):**
Dr. Trenton Oliver: asked about the ARPA projects and the land withdrawal for the chapter.
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: stated that the contracts are holding up the projects and the land does not need to be withdrawn.
Harry Clark: asked about if the monies for the scholarship and renovation contracts be reallocated if the projects are not started. He also commented on an article in the Navajo Times about Chinle Chapter receiving \$347,000 and where does one apply for funding.
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: explained that the proposals are being reviewed by the Navajo Nation and cannot move forward even though the projects are shovel ready. DCD approval needed.
Karen Spencer: commented about the earmarked project amounts, time, grant writing, and costs should be considered, and Chinle Chapter is a large chapter and community. She also talked about the work Chapter President has done for the chapter since Covid. She commented that Ernest Burbank should meet with Walton and not tear up his paper.
 - **Vote: 31 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 6**
- VI. Announcements: **None Noted.**
- VII. Community Concern(s):

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- a. **Sharon Yazzie:** had a community concern about the Wood for Life. She explained that the wood is received through a grant and going through trial/error. Wood applications need a voter verification, a second person should the applicant cannot pick wood. Eight (8) loads are given to and elders are first. Sharon explained that cards are given for the wood and it is not open when the No Wood sign is out. The wood is free. Sharon expressed to the membership that speaking badly, and name calling would cause the free wood to close. The workers work in the heat 9-10 hrs. a day with chainsaws, and log splitters. Sharon Explained that there are is a closure of the wood due to the budget and few employees to help with the wood. Sharon asks the chapter to be kind to the workers.
- b. **Doreen Bia:** had a concern about the congested lot that used to be Smith's Café.
Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: explained that it belongs to RBDO and not the chapter and are aware of it however they will follow up with RBDO.

VIII. Old Business: **None noted.**

IX. New Business:

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 - **Motion: Alfred Guy**
 - **Second: Teddy Begay**
 - **Discussion(s):**
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: asked Johnson Claw if they wanted to repair or replace the pump.
Alfred Guy: requested to replace the pump.
Johnson Claw: talked about the resolution and the need to replace the irrigation pump because it has been out for the past two (2) seasons. Johnson Claw states the pump needs funding and asked about where the \$52,000 the chapter gave them. Johnson Claw states that the replacement of the irrigation pump should be a chapter project.
S/T RoAnn Burbank: explains the \$52,000 could not be given to them because the Scope of Work for the Manuelito Well had to be changed because that is where the funds were to be taken from.
Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: explained that CVPUA is non-profit and it is difficult and to work through the process. Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch stated this is a support resolution.
Johnson Claw: shared a proposal with the Chapter President.
- **Vote: 31** **Opposed: 0** **Abstained: 5**
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 - **Motion: Sharon Yazzie**
 - **Second: Tiara Francis**
 - **Discussion(s):**

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Jonathan Nez: spoke about his candidacy for District 2 Congressman. He asked for the chapters support and votes. Jonathan Nez shared with the chapter his Political career and his coming to running for Arizona Congress. Jonathan Nez explain he would be able to open political leadership for natives, work on federal regulations, laws, policies, clearances and the effect of the economic development on the Navajo Nation. His Office would help all 500+ tribes. He talked about the Biden Administration and the funds received using the same 50/50 formula the Navajo Nation uses. He shared information about an additional \$5 Billion received b Navajo. He requested for monetary contributions, which is online and there were envelopes as well accepting money orders. He gave the Chapter members attending the meeting autographed posters.

Nelson Billy: requested Jonathan Nez to look into pensions and the taxes they have to pay. Nelson Billy does not want to take money out because of the taxes on his pension.

Carol Parker: requested if Jonathan could look into the retire Medicare A/B because they get referred out.

• **Vote: 34**

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1

X. Reports:

a. Tara Benally, Wingbeat 88

No report given.

b. Mary VanDever, NHA

No report given.

c. Roqui Jones, Day At A Time Club

Roqui Jones: gave a report on the new Day At A Time Club and that Freddie Brown was invited to promote the facility. Construction moved along. The facility is still having a leasing issue and working with the church. The DAATC will bring sobriety to Navajo Nation. The facility has a goal to have a position open.

d. Oscar Bia Sr., Grazing Representative

Oscar Bia Sr.: gave a report on how the land has been reduced from what our ancestors use to use. He talked about working on in Chapter service unit on tallies, and livestock. Oscar encouraged people to tell the truth which makes the investigation easier. Oscar explained he is only doing his responsibilities. Oscar states that we create chaos for ourselves and for our family. Oscar also explained that there are no irrigations for planting because there is no one to do it. Oscar talked about the business site leases for tours and that they are not allowed to use the vehicles for personal travel.

e. Honorable Delegate Shawna Ann Claw

Delegate Shawna Ann Claw: Submitted a report and is on file. Delegate Claw talked about NNC funding meeting from which she came resulted in a hybrid resolution, not a continuing resolution for the budget. Delegate Claw explained the previous budgets were for 6 months and had to be renegotiated. Buu Nygren will sign the Hybrid resolution. Delegate Shawna Ann Claw talked about the UUFB and the CVPUA to get and amendment for his legislation. Delegate Claw asked for Johnson Claw's proposal. Delegate Claw explained she will be in meeting this week and asked if Oscar was going to be attending the AIF meeting on Wednesday.

f. Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: had a report and it is on file. Chapter President Jumbo-Fitch spoke about the service award AmeriCorps for their 30th year anniversary. She shared the firewood

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activities. She also commented about what Chinle needs, and what is open for tribal nations. Chapter President Jumbo-Fitch talked about a meet and Greet with Mark Kelly. The NN President signed the CHID 8/31/2024 and Chinle will receive homes first. Chapter President also explained that ARPA Projects are lacking contract numbers. Chapter President Dr. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch asked for the wood applicants to be patient for wood distribution and there are still card available. Chapter President explained that the Chinle Chapter will be working on the next fiscal year and need to pass a budget.

g. Chapter Vice President Cynthia Hunter

Chapter Vice President Cynthia Hunter: reported she had attended meeting for the chapter.

h. Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank

Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank: explained she did her duties and did not have a report.

- **Motion to accept reports: TiShawna Spencer**

- **Second: Karen Spencer**

- **Vote: 20 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 2**

XI. Next Scheduled Planning Meeting: October 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM

XII. Adjournment

Quorum was lost at 8:38.

Submitted by *RoAnn Burbank*
Chapter S/T RoAnn Burbank