REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING  
July 21, 2019 – 1:00 PM  
AGENDA

I. Call Meeting to Order
II. Invocation
III. Review and Approval of Agenda
IV. Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
V. Financial Report
VI. Announcements:
   a. The Draft 2020 TTIP Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at Tselani/Cottonwood Chapter at 10:00 AM.
   b. Chinle Land Use Planning Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM.
   c. Chinle Chapters’ summer hours will conclude August 02, 2019, this means business hours will go back to its regular schedule from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and closed during lunch hours.
   d. Chinle Chapter will sponsor the Navajo Nation Law and Order Committee Meeting, Monday, July 29, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
   e. Housing Discretionary Applications are being accepted, deadline for submitting application is August 02, 2019 at 5:00 PM.
   f. Chinle Chapter’s Regular Monthly Planning Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 05, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

VII. Old Business: None
VIII. New Business:
   a. CHIN-JUL-19-034: Authorizing and supporting the Chinle Chapter Government and Oscar Bia, Grazing Committee Member to implement an indefinite feral horses and stray and unclaimed livestock removal program in efforts to improve the ecological health and productivity of the Navajo rangelands for present and future generations of the Navajo people. Sponsor, Oscar Bia
   b. CHIN-JUL-19-035: Supporting the continuation of the Navajo Nation Unhealthy Food Tax Funds Permanently; Requesting the 24th Navajo Nation Council, Office of the President and Vice-President of Extending the Healthy Dine Nation Act (HDNA) or Unhealthy Food Tax a Permanent Tax. Sponsor, Myron McLaughlin
   c. CHIN-JUL-19-036: Supporting the Seventh-Day Adventist Church’s proposal to create, fund and operate a new FM Radio Station for the Navajo Nation. Sponsor, Dale Wolcott
   d. CHIN-JUL-19-037: Reaffirming CHIN-APR-18-030: Requesting the Law and Order Committee (LOC) of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council to move the Division Of Public Safety Regional Training Academy (DPSRTA) Project as priority # one (1) on the Judicial/Public Safety Facilities Fund Management Plan and the LOC judicial/public safety facilities fund priority list for FY2019 - FY2020. Sponsor, Myron McLaughlin
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e. CHIN-JUL-19-038: Approving the utilization of the Land Withdrawal Designation on the four acre site formerly known as the “Old Paul Tso Site”, for Community Use. Sponsor, Myron McLaughlin

f. CHIN-JUL-19-039: Supporting the Land Withdrawal Designation of 1.21± acres of land for Taylor's Affordable Towing, LLC. Along US Highway 191, west of mile marker 454.2 on Route 841A. Sponsor, Elbert Taylor

g. CHIN-JUL-19-040: Requesting and approving Chinle Navajo Nation Department of Self Reliance (NNDSR) to recruit nineteen (19) adults who are members of a DSR benefit group to participate in the Subsidized Adult Employment (SAE) initiative to be placed at Chinle Chapter for employment beginning December 01, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

h. CHIN-JULY-19-041: Requesting for External Funding in the amount of $5,000.00 through the 2019 NAPI - Navajo Pride Benefit Fund for the Chinle Chapter Government’s Initiative of constructing an outdoor community basketball court on the Chapter compound. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

i. CHIN-JUL-19-042: Approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Supplemental Funds for Navajo Nation chapter official stipends and worker’s compensation - budget in the amount of $378.00 for the Chinle Chapter. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

j. CHIN-JUL-19-043: Approving $157,569.00 from United States Department Of Agriculture (USDA) Grant to pay Kewen, LLC for pre-project service, design phase services, construction phase services, and post-construction services for the Chinle Chapter. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

k. CHIN-JUL-19-044: Approving $2,500.00 from Chapter Projects Fund 29 to pay Martha L. King, Attorney to perform all work necessary to prepare the Chapter Sales Tax Referenced Ballot language for the Chinle Chapter. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

IX. Reports
   a. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate
   b. Chapter Officials
   c. Oscar Bia, Grazing Official

X. Adjournment
CHINLE CHAPTER MEETING
July 21, 2019– 1:00 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Chapter President, Myron McLaughlin at 1:37 PM

II. INVOCATION by Francis Draper, Community Member

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion to Accept Agenda by Francis Draper, Second by Tom Mike
Anderson Jones, requests to be added to Reports
Cynthia Hunter, correction on New Business d. CHIN-JUL-19-037 needs correction to read “24th Navajo Nation Council” and “FY 2020 to 2021”
VOTES: 28 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 5 Abstentions

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
Motion to Accept Last Meeting Minutes by Tom Mike, Second by Lorene Yazzie
VOTES: 26 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 6 Abstentions

V. FINANCIAL REPORT
Motion to Accept Agenda by Anderson Jones, Second by Tara Begay
VOTES: 27 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 5 Abstentions

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VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
   a. CHIN-JUL-19-034: AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT AND OSCAR BIA, GRAZING COMMITTEE MEMBER TO IMPLEMENT AN INDEFINITE FERAL HORSES AND STRAY AND UNCLAIMED LIVESTOCK REMOVAL PROGRAM IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE NAVAJO RANGELANDS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE NAVAJO PEOPLE. Sponsor, Oscar Bia

   Motion by Lorene Yazzie, Second by Pamela Bia
Tara Begay, I have horses coming into my yard - who do I contact, I know whose horses they are but they keep coming to my home.
Myron McLaughlin, The grazing official is Oscar Bia, you can report to him and he can arrange for Rangers to pick them up.
Eugene Tso, Whereas #12, we took a piece of the section off – where it states 16 working days notice before the round up before and I am not sure if you would like to include that again?
President Nez was not in favor of the round up but at the State of the Nation he was leaving this up to Dr. Rudy Shebala. Rudy Shebala’s idea was to bleed the horses but that is still up in the air.

**Francis Draper**, it is obvious we do not know who are owners of the horses along the highways. We have livestock and some of these feral horses graze and interfere with livestock and rangelands that we hold for our own livestock. If horses have no brand, corral the livestock and report to the rangers to be picked up immediately, this needs to be reported immediately. In the past, our elders had only 2-3 horses, the horses had names and traditional prayers and songs. This is not done anymore and now we damn our livestock, very different from our cheis handling of livestock where they would offer corn pollen. Caring for my horses help me win a lot of money, buckles and saddles at rodeo competition giving me a way of life.

**Tom Mike**, We just heard from a livestock owner, what is unclaimed livestock and how are these horses handled, what is the status on this? As Native Americans and our traditional values, we make this un-accessible on our traditional way of life. These livestock tend to get on the highways distracting drivers and some horses that are not in the ROWS are not a problem to me. No brand and unclaimed horses, can they be claimed by me?

**Myron McLaughlin**, there are adoption programs where you can pay a fee only because funds are spent feeding and caring for horses, BIA and rangers take them to reclamation area if it is not claimed. There is also notice here that a person is buying and selling horses that are not branded. So it is correct that horses that have no brand can be claimed by any individual, but don’t put your brand on them and let the horse out again. If your horse gets rounded up you have 10 days to claim your horse at the Veterinary Center past Tse Bonito NDOT on the right side as you are going east.

**Ruth Ann Begay**, There are many unclaimed horses out there, they eat the forage that our livestock were supposed to graze on. Also, our new Grazing Official will need help and my request is for the chapter to purchase a squeeze chute and livestock panels for him. This job is no easy and requires a lot of help so please consider this for our grazing official.

**Myron McLaughlin**, in Hopi every rancher is allowed 2 horses, each family is allowed 8 cattle per ranch. More than that the ranger is very active to take your horses they sell and take 10%. Only reason I found out is that there is a teacher that has a ranch out there and his livestock that was over the amount allowed were confiscated. The rangelands are given two years for regrowth before livestock are let back in the fenced in areas.

**Francis Draper**, the resolution is for unbranded horses and we need to do the round-up without notice that way people do not hide their horses. Permits also are getting picked up due to no probate or ownership.

**Myron McLaughlin**, there was help from the Chapter staff for Mr. Bia today with branding, we can think about purchasing a squeeze chute in the future.

**Eugene Tso**, there are three names on this resolution, BIA helps get the stock contractors to haul the horses, Resource Enforcement Agency also helps as well as Department of Agriculture who sometimes has funds, there will be a legislation that will come before RDC. Insurance for drought covers the Navajo Nation and the funds go to Resources Department. Demonstration project spent $44,000 on removal of invasive plants so there are funds available. Horses can only be branded if they are over six months of age, the Hopi and Apache have associations they work with, so all brands are different. These tribes all live in a village but the Navajo Nation is scattered over a large area. The Navajo Nation lowest sheep unit is 10 and highest is 50 for your information.
Oscar Bia, I will work with BIA and REA to round up the horses when requested to do so. There are about 260 horses with no brand and there is no water for them so they die of thirst. We are talking about horses with no brand so it shows they are not cared for, the horses that are corrilled are not bothered. We can correct this problem in the next four years and once corrected our children will have access to a feral horse/livestock free environment.

Dwayne Billsie, requests to Cease Debate and Calls for the Question
VOTES: 34 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 1 Abstentions

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Ella Mae Warren
Tara Begay, with what you just read - where are these walking trails and other wellness amenities?.

Myron McLaughlin, we are looking to partner up with CUSD#24 and Vendor Village Initiative to look into building a running trail, we also have the wellness center upstairs that have people constantly using the facility as well as the softball fields south of here. Since 2014 to now we have utilized the unhealthy food taxes to provide exercise equipment.

Francis Draper, this resolution is for support so I will call for the question.
VOTES: 32 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 4 Abstentions

c. CHIN-JUL-19-036: SUPPORTING THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH’S PROPOSAL TO CREATE, FUND AND OPERATE A NEW FM RADIO STATION FOR THE NAVAJO NATION. Sponsor, Dale Wolcott
Motion by Carol Davis, Second by Lorene Yazzie
Dale Wolcott, there are not many radio stations here and we have a great opportunity to get a station without any interruptions in frequency, the request has to come from the Navajo Nation. SDA is ready to do this, we have strong international support and this is very serious support. Station would not be in competition with other stations around, our format would be different from other Christian stations. Signal would come from close by and it will be influential for everyone close by.
VOTES: 34 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 7 Abstentions

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Tom Mike
Myron McLaughlin, this resolution was passed in April of 2018 with the 23rd Navajo Nation Council so we want to reaffirm this with the 24th Navajo Nation Council. Our Council Delegate Tso is on the Law and Order Committee and this resolution will be presented at the LOC Meeting here next Monday, July 29, 2019.
VOTES: 31 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 7 Abstentions
e. CHIN-JUL-19-038: APPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF THE LAND WITHDRAWAL DESIGNATION ON THE FOUR ACRE SITE FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE “OLD PAUL TSO SITE”, FOR COMMUNITY USE. Sponsor, Myron McLaughlin

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Tara Begaye

Myron McLaughlin, this area is cleaned and we are using the Land Withdrawal Designation for the area that has been cleaned and released.

VOTES: 31 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 4 Abstentions

f. CHIN-JUL-19-039: SUPPORTING THE LAND WITHDRAWAL DESIGNATION OF 1.21± ACRES OF LAND FOR TAYLOR’S AFFORDABLE TOWING, LLC. ALONG US HIGHWAY 191, WEST OF MILE MARKER 454.2 ON ROUTE 841A. Sponsor, Elbert Taylor

Motion by Francis Draper, Second by Anderson Jones

Myron McLaughlin, we tried contacting Chinle RBDO on this matter and was told to work with Leonard Francisco with Ft. Defiance RBDO. He let me know that all the paperwork is in and he is waiting on the chapter resolution so this process can be moved forward.

Anderson Jones, didn’t we discuss this a couple months ago and passed a resolution?

Myron McLaughlin, that was a support of the business and not a land withdrawal

VOTES: 22 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 8 Abstentions

g. CHIN-JUL-19-040: REQUESTING AND APPROVING CHINLE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF SELF RELIANCE (NNDSR) TO RECRUIT NINETEEN (19) ADULTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A DSR BENEFIT GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUBSIDIZED ADULT EMPLOYMENT (SAE) INITIATIVE TO BE PLACED AT CHINLE CHAPTER FOR EMPLOYMENT BEGINNING DECEMBER 01, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Anderson Jones

VOTES: 33 in Favor, 1 Opposed and 3 Abstentions

h. CHIN-JULY-19-041: REQUESTING FOR EXTERNAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000.00 THROUGH THE 2019 NAPI – NAVAJO PRIDE BENEFIT FUND FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVE OF CONSTRUCTING AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY BASKETBALL COURT ON THE CHAPTER COMPOUND.

Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Ryan Smith

VOTES: 32 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 5 Abstentions

i. CHIN-JUL-19-042: APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR NAVAJO NATION CHAPTER OFFICIAL STIPENDS AND WORKER’S COMPENSATION - BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $378.00 FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Anderson Jones

Myron McLaughlin, here you are accepting the Workers Compensation funds in the amount of $348 for chapter officials and $30 for the chapter administration staff.

VOTES: 33 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 6 Abstentions
j. CHIN-JUL-19-043: APPROVING $157,569.00 FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) GRANT TO PAY KENEW, LLC FOR PRE-PROJECT SERVICE, DESIGN PHASE SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES, AND POST-CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Ryan Smith

Walton Yazzie, we have been working on this project for several years building a Vendor Village between the Holiday Inn and NPS, we received a USDA Grant for $175,000 to pay for designing the area for us, the chapter funds will not be paying for this. The Grant expires in two months, we have been trying to get 4.5 acres from NPS which we barely found that they do not own that land and we can withdraw. Tourism will pitch in $3M, DED will also help with the development of this project. This project will finally be completed and this is for the designing part of the Vendor Village project.

VOTES: 27 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 6 Abstentions

k. CHIN-JUL-19-044: APPROVING $2,500.00 FROM CHAPTER PROJECTS FUND 29 TO PAY MARTHA L. KING, ATTORNEY TO PERFORM ALL WORK NECESSARY TO PREPARE THE CHAPTER SALES TAX REFERENCED BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER. Sponsor, Walton Yazzie

Motion by Dwayne Billsie, Second by Anderson Jones

Myron McLaughlin, we have been working on a tax initiative for Chinle Chapter. We have been allocated funding split with the 110 chapters, the 2.5 sales tax will stay here in Chinle. We have found we need a third party attorney to write the referendum then it will be given to DOJ then back to Election Office. Chinle Chapter when finalized will pay for the election and ballots.

VOTES: 30 in Favor, 0 Opposed and 4 Abstentions

IX. REPORTS:

a. Eugene Tso, Council Delegate

We were in session beginning Monday, recessed then reconvened Thursday and within the next weeks we will be meeting on budget allocations for the Navajo Nation. I will need the help of Chapter Officials to see if we can get changes in budget, there is a form for revision. We will discuss roads then meet on other confidential matters with Law and Order Committee. Homestite lease regulations, grazing permits is still being looked into. Is our law out of order or unconstitutional? Meeting is scheduled, LOC will meet here in Chinle on July 29th, we wanted to tour the Judicial facility and academy but this will not happen due to our tour being denied.

There are many complaints on PD dispatcher to be replaced with a nicer person. This discussion was taking place when Mr. Francisco turned in his badge (you probably read the papers on this incident) his partner who we came in with picked up the badge and apologized to the committee. A ceremony was completed to correct his throwing a fit. The Navajo Times witnessed the scene they left after Mr. Francisco and never returned so you might have read this in the paper. Delores Greyeyes brought in a report and in there the academy was listed #4 so I did question this.

Grazing Permits also was brought up to return with only 10 units. There were three original treaties, one given to the United States and one was found and returned to the Navajo Nation. We will look into mechanical pursuit and farming which is included in the Treaty of 1868.

Feral Horses, we talked about cutting the horses but we were told we were not certified.

DOJ to report at the next Council Session, a delegate wanted to challenge this but I recommended to not challenge our own by-laws.

b. Chapter Officials - None
c. **Oscar Bia, Grazing Official** – There are 312 Grazing Permits in District 10-3 and I counted only counted for 13. Next year I will have a branding schedule, now we are doing branding by request. I signed four burial sites/family plots, I have attended several monthly meetings some are scheduled and I will attend. Many permits have expired, Ben Begay stated that it is my responsibility to pick those back up.

A family had some goats that were attacked by dogs but there was no grazing permit to get restitution. I was told to get a photo but the goats were taken away about two miles from the corral so I could not do much with this situation. Another was a bull that was from the Rough Rock area which I called in and the Rangers picked up that bull. I have also dealt with three land use permits, NPS stated they will not issue any more but there is rumor that the chapter can approve these. Horses get on the highway and families get injured by hitting these livestock on roads. I was also confronted with US Highway 191 ADOT to see what I can do about livestock on the roads. **Myron McLaughlin**, Navajo Nation Rangers are scarce and we tried to call for one for 8-9 days they finally came to get the corralled livestock. We need more enforcement on livestock and also need more enforcement on animal control.

d. **Anderson Jones, IEC:** We had a meeting with CUSD#24, funding was received for students to continue learning the Navajo Traditional Culture in the schools. Many Farms Community School Reauthorization was passed and at that time they stated they would do a report to the Chapter every quarter to date we have not received a report from them. August 05, 2019 will be the beginning of the next school year, so please enroll your students and get their paperwork in order. Many parents come to the school last minute wanting to know why their child was not graduating, this is not good practice so I questioned if they followed up on their child's education and progress, many times it is the parents at fault for not keeping up with their child's progress at school. Constant communication and follow-up is needed. **Myron McLaughlin**, this came up at the Agency Council – Rough Rock Community School Reauthorization took their request to the Agency Council, the Rough Rock Chapter Official was questioning why the school did not complete a presentation at their chapter so the resolution was tabled so your concern is being addressed at the Agency Council.

**Francis Draper**, I would like to question the Grazing Official. It is rumor that we have no say in what is happening inside the canyon, how much authority does the homeowner have inside the canyon? The strategic agreement was signed by the former President Russell Begay that we have no say in the canyon, what can you find out on this issue? I want to know about this. **Myron McLaughlin**, the Strategic Agreement was signed, this is to identify the jurisdiction issues. The farmers have every say in what they want to do on their farming area, their livestock and they will have a say in what goes on inside the canyon, there will be collaboration with all involved. NPS, Lynn Carranza traveled to Australia where the aborigines have worked to make a nice living community and they have control of their land.

X. **ADJOURNMENT at 4:59 PM**

Adjournment Motioned by Francis Draper, Second by Edward Francis

**VOTES:** Majority Vote

Chapter Meeting Minutes for July 21, 2019 were prepared and submitted by Cynthia Hunter, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
Chinle Chapter Government
Sign-in Sheet

Date: 07/21/2019  ☒ Regular Meeting  ☐ Planning Meeting  ☐ Special Meeting

1. President: [Signature]

2. Vice President: [Signature]

3. Secretary/Treasurer: [Signature]

4. Grazing Official: [Signature]

5. Council Delegate: [Signature]

6. Valerie Alan

7. Mkhodo

8. Frankie Begay Sr

9. T. Mike

10. James Hunt

11. Daron Hunt

12. Lonie Frank

13. Catherine Pisaan

14. Dianna Nez

15. Sarah Bizahalin

16. Dale A. Wolfe

17. Sally Isaac

18. Alice Clark

19. Elizabeth Francis

20. Edward Francis

21. Audrienne Jones

22. Virginia Lee

23. Coyote Davis

24. Matthew Dixon

25. Frin Peterson

26. Hennie Nez

27. Phillip Bao

28. Irabige

29. Louise Chee

30. Jacqueline Awe

31. Pauline

32. Leecoe Chee

33. Dolly

34. Rebecca Heinrich

35. Kevin Heinrich

36. Louane Le Zaggie

37. Lee Yee Tole

38. Delli Warren

39. Francis Telly

40. George W. Claude

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