Chinle Chapter
Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021
5:00 pm

I. Meeting Call to Order by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 5:02 pm.

II. Roll Call by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch.

PRESENT
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch
Vice President Shawna Claw
Secretary Treasurer RoAnn Burbank
LDA Jason Dedman
Walton Nazzie
Tyrone Begay
Michael Dunn
Tamar Brown
TiShawna Spencer
Grazing Oscar Bia
Ilene Thomas
BettyRose Draper
Dewayne Billsie
Wanda Clark
Jayne Mitchell
Mae-Gilene Begay
Dr. Pricilla Sanderson
Bill Bly

ABSENT
Council delegate Honorable Eugene Tso

III. Invocation by Shawna Claw
IV. Review and Approval

V. Review and Approval of March 01, 2021 Regular Planning Chapter Meeting Minutes by S/T RoAnn Burbank

Motion by: Michael Duhi          Second by: TiShawna Spencer

Vote:  9    Opposed:  0     Abstained:  2

Motion carries.

VI. Announcements by President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch

a. PROCLAMATION: IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF NAVAJO NATION SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE LORENE B. FERGUSON.

b. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: The Navajo Election Administration announces that there will be a special election on March 16, 2021 for the following chapters: List is on PSA.

c. Final Inspection Complete for the N27 Paving Project.

d. Public Health Emergency Order No. 2021-004; to extend the Stay at home (shelter in Place) requirements and curfew hours for one (1) additional week, to March 15, 2021 at 5:00 A.M. MST.

e. Office of the Controller funding 1.8 million for fourth quarter operations, at risk of employee layoffs

f. More than $293 million paid to Navajo Nation members from Navajo CARES Act Hardship Assistance Program

VII. Community Concern(s):

NONE
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VIII. Old Business

a. CHIN-MAR-21-006  **APPROVING AND AMENDING THE CHINLE CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE PLAN OF OPERATION.**

Motion by: Tyrone Begay  
Second by: Michael Duhi

Discussion:

Vote: 11  
Abstained: 0  
Abstained: 2

Motion carries.

b. CHIN-MAR-21-007  **APPROVING THE DISSOLVING OF THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT STEERING COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS CHANGED TO THE MAKE CHINLE YOURS COMMITTEE.**

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: So this item here again is from our old business item (b). Is there a motion to move forward with this resolution? All items were stated within the resolution.

Dewayne Billie, Chapter President:  
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes?

Dewayne Billie: Mr. Bills, I would like to make a motion for tabling of this issue. There are questions that need to be addressed and then the need for the steering committee to continue to do what’s best for the community for our officials that are supposed to be there to do things for the community they’re not available. So, its better to continue with this steering committee to allow them to continue planning for their community of Chinle. If you abolish it then who’s going to do it? Somebody else is just going to take the ride and do the same thing again. So, I am sure you guys can work with the steering committee with the stipend and try to work with it instead of just abolishing things. You need to work with the people. So, I am requesting that this be tabled. I motion for tabling of the resolution.

Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you
Wanda Clark: President, I would like to second on that because it is a community matter and I think the community does need that steering committee. So, it needs to be tabled.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay
BettyRose Draper: I want that --- tabled to so I’m going that way. I got a lot of questions. My question is why? And, I told them that I would fight them on that. --- on 1. This is very important. People got to know what this is all about. So, whoever, I don’t know, it’s a mess. It’s not right to me.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay, so we have a motion to table this resolution. Again, it is CHIN-MAR-21-007 for Chinle Chapter Government approving the dissolving of the Chinle Chapter Government Steering Committee, which was changed to Make Chinle Young Committee. We have a motion by Mr. Billsie and second by Wanda therefore, the rest.

Motion to table: DeWayne Billsie  
Second: Wanda Clark

Discussion:
DeWayne Billsie: Excuse me, what are you guys voting on? To table the motion or to continue with it?
S/T RoAnn Burbank: It is to table it.
Wanda Clark: Tabling the resolution

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: We’re tableing the resolution until further discussion that---
DeWayne Billsie: Okay
Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: There was second and it was Wanda. That is why we are voting. Okay.

Vote: Opposed: 4  
Abstained: 5

Motion to table carries.

C. CHIN-MAR-21-008 APPROVING THE CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST.

Motion: DeWayne Billsie  
Second: BettyRose Draper

Discussion:
IX. New Business:

a. CHIN-MARCH-21-009 SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE PL 100-297 REAUTHORIZATION OF RICHFIELD RESIDENTIAL HALL.

Motion: Tamara Rhame Second: Oscar Bia

Discussions:

Vote: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 2

Bill Bly: Hello
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes
Bill Bly: Hello
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, go ahead.
Bill Bly: Yeah, this is Mr. Bill Bly. I am a board member for Richfield and I want to thank everyone who voted green. I appreciate it. I don't know if you know this but we're the only Navajo students on the Reservation that are going to school for full-time, and we have had about two positives up there with students but they were able to get through in and -- grade -- graduate and stuff like that, up there in Richfield dorm. We appreciate your vote --- and the Officials here in Chinle. We have several students that come from this area, and they're doing very well. Thank you again. I appreciate your votes.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch; Thank you Mr. Bly. Aheeheh
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Motion Carries.

b. CHIN-MARCH-21-010 SUPPORTING THE RESEARCH STUDY, “PILOT EVALUATION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS IN AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES’ TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH.

Motion: Tyrone Begay Second: Michael Duhi

Discussions:

Vote: 10 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1
Motion carries.
Dr. Jumbo-Fitch, Hi this is ------ I want to say thank you for I wanted to know if we could still provide (parts of speech are inaudible)
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes
(Inaudible Name): So we have, one of my colleagues, Nehana Kay Gorman will be providing an update of the study along with of the---. Neh, could you ---
Nehana Kay Gorman: Sure, I believe the updates are under the reports. Are we still under New Business?
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, you're under New Business. Nehana Kay Gorman: okay, so our reports are PVD-15 and the RSV SuNa. Would you like us to wait till you get the reports or would you like me to present the reports now?
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: You're with the last resolution that I just read, evaluation?
Nehana Kay Gorman: Yeah Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay, that's fine.
Nehana Kay Gorman: Okay, thank you. Again, Yateeh Shi dine doo shi’ke. Shenah Nehana Kay Gorman is my name. Hello, everybody, my name is Nehana Kay Gorman. I work for the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, based in the Fort Defiance site. We have (5) five other research sites across Navajo Nation and White Mountain Apache. Today, we will do the reports on PTD-15 study that was conducted a year ago, and is now completed. And, we will be doing another report on the RSV study that is still ongoing. My colleague Veyona Vehill will also do the report on that. So, I am going to do PTD-15. So, for PTD-15 it was based on a study for a vaccine to help protect individuals against the staphylococcus pneumna. Currently there are two licensed vaccines. They are Pregnant 13 and the Pnuemo Vaccine 23 that we evaluated and that are now approved as licensed vaccines for childhood immunization. So, the PTD-15 vaccine has not been approved for routine use but it is a pneumococcal vaccine that helps prevent or protect individuals
against 15 different strains. So, the adult PTD 15 study was conducted worldwide and here in the United States, and on the Navajo Nation. It was conducted on Chinle, Fort Defiance, Gallup and Shiprock, and the White Mountain Apache Tribal Land. There were 587 volunteers across the Navajo Nation, White Mountain Apache. Six (6) months after the initial vaccine all participants received the Pnuemo Vaccine 23, which was always administered and they were followed for about seven (7) months to monitor side effects. The side effects were just like any other vaccines like soreness, swelling at the injection site, and the results that we have found in this vaccine study was that the PTD-15 was very well tolerated and resulted in a strong immune response. PTD-15 was administered alone or sequentially with Pnuemo Vaccine 23. It gave a good antibody against all 15 strains. It was intended to protect against the other strains that aren’t really protected. The most common side effects were the pain in the injection site, fatigue. For the Navajo Nation and the White Mountain Apache this means that the data that we have collected will be that PTD-15 will be licensed and recommended. The use of PTD-15 in your community could help prevent pneumococcal related hospitalizations and deaths. The reason why we conducted this study here on the Navajo Nation was, there was a leading cause of pneumococcal disease here on the Navajo Nation and other tribal communities. So, we wanted to make sure that these vaccines work effectively for individuals here and that the Native American population are protected against pneumococcal disease as well. So, that our pneumococcal study, PTD-15 study. Does anybody have any questions?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you very much for providing that report. Thank you again to you and your team. we apriicate you guys sharing your information with us during the last meeting as well, providing input what your study is about and what research you have completed. So, we appreciate you sharing that information.

Nahana Kay Gorman: Thank you so much. We appreciate it. And, so Veyona VeHill will do provide a report on the RSV suna study as
well. That is still ongoing here on the Navajo Nation and White Mountain Apache. Thank you
Veyona VeHill: Thank you Nahana. Speaks her native language.
Good evening Honorable Chapter members and Community members on the call. My name is Veyona Vehill and I am Teha from Puebloo New Mexico. I am the research Coordinator working on the RSV and COVID surveillance study across the Navajo and White Mountain Apache site with the Johns Hopkins center for the American Indian Health. I will be providing an update on the results of the first year, also an update for the second year. Year one (1) was at respiratory virus also called RSV in children under five (5), and pregnant women. In year one (1), we enrolled 455 children across (inaudible :20 seconds) sub-studies. we are now in year two (2) of this study with we have extended our surveillance to include COVID-19 in all ages as well as studies. The first one is vaccine effectiveness to understand how well the COVID-19 vaccine protects against COVID-19 in the community, and how long the protection lasts. The second is long term follow up to understand the long term health impacts of COVID-19, and the third and final sub-study is household transmission to understand how COVID-19 is spread in the home. The purpose of any RSV and COVID surveillance sub-study are to understand burden of disease and other environmental factors that can help inform public health policy and recommendations so that prevent disease of this kind on the Navajo Nation. We will be doing case studies for the next year. The surveillance part of the study will carry on for the next four years. Thank you so much for allowing me to provide this update and I am open to any questions.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you again for your participation and thank you for the update report. We appreciate the information you shared again. Aheehe Veyona VeHill: one more update. This will be my last one.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay, go ahead.
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Veyona VeHill: (Inaudible start) the use of the Chinle Unified School District. The Administration building will be used as a secondary site for the two community health we have four offices all together that house the behavioral health program, FACE and work quality to provide that to the community. We are possibly work with the school security to make sure we’re all following the guidelines. And, that’s it (inaudible ending).

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you. Aheehe
Dewayne Billie: Madame Chair, Mr. Billie back here online. My phone died, I’m just now charging it.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: okay, well thank you again ladies that presented and updates provided for your pilot evaluation resolution.

c. CHR. MARCH 2. 2021 SUPPORTING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CANCER PREVENTION (NACP) BETWEEN NORTHERN ARIZONA (NAU) THE UNIVSERITY OF ARIZONA 2020 TO RECRUIT AND CONDUCT SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS TO ELIGIBLE NAVAJO ADULTS WHO LIVE WITHIN THE BOUNDRAIES OF CHINLE NAVAJO AGENCY AND ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH GASTRITIS, TESTED POSITIVE FOR HELICOBACTER PYLORI (H.PYLORI), OR STOMACH CANCER, AND HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY SORS-COV-2.

Motion: Dewayne Billie  Second: Tyrone Begay

Discussion:
Dr. Pricilla Sanderson: Maygelene is going to do it in Navajo. So she is going to talk right now.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you
Mae-Gilene Begay: President Can you hear me?
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, MA’am 1:46
Dr. Pricilla Sanderson: Okay, Aheehe. This is Mae-Gilene Begay (Introduces herself with Navajo clans). I work for Navajo Nation CHR Outreach Program. I just want to say that this is a successful
research that we did with the south western Navajo Chapters about three (3) years ago, and so, we will be working with the Chinle Agency and as the resolution stated that we want to part with the communities, and do some interview, and talk to you about what is H.Pylori. This will be a really good health education, and it will also motivate our Navajo citizens to go to the health facilities to get themselves checked out for H.Pylori. This is the project we are doing for the health and prevention for our Navajo people. So, that much I will inform you and thank you. When we did our research in the southwest chapters which is Dileen, Birdsprings, and Luepp there was several people that went through our research at the time. They were able to get their tests and some of them did test positive for the H.Pylori. So they were able to go to the health facilities and get treated right away. So also want to into the Chinle Agency. President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Aleehe Ms. Begay and Dr. Sanderson, Aleehe for coming and also for providing information for the community members.

Vote: 13 Aye 0 Opposed: 1 Abstained: 1

d. CHIN_MARCH 21-012: CHINLE CHAPTER GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS AND RECOGNIZE THE LAND WITHDRAWAL DESIGNATION FOR THE VENDOR VILLAGE PROJECT TO BE USED AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN CHINLE, ARIZONA.

Motion: Tyrone Begay Second: TiShawna Spencer

Discussion:
Nora McKerry: I just wanted to ask if we could think about the possibility of tabling this so that people can discuss it further. I am not sure if the Park Officials are aware of this meeting were going on and could ask questions. So, that is my concern as well as maybe residents may be affected by the land withdrawal. Thank you.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Tyrone do you want to provide an update for that?
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CCG Planner Tyrone Begay: The Vendor Village project has been ongoing for a couple years now at this point we have had meetings conducted with the public, we have also had a Letter of Support from the Parks Superintendent Lin Coransa. Land that is being withdrawn is trust status so there is no recognized person, individual opposed to it. The Grazing Rep also acknowledges it. This process, to do the land designation withdrawal is already in the park so, the Chapter can also conduct the environmental clearance, biological clearance, and the culture compliance. The Chapter has also secured a funding. A funding through Economic Development Authority grant. A federal grant the design and engineering for this Vendor Village project. They are aware it is a flood zone and there are considerations being made in terms of a levee. This not a project that kind of just came up about this is has been a contribution from the early 80’s, previous Chapter Officials. Some other Chapter Officials have been working on it diligently. This a project that has been worked on quiet a number of years. So, we're trying to move forward with it and at the same time this process needs to be done so that we can also secure funding for construction through the Navajo Nation. Time is pretty much of an essence so, tabling would just set us back. Madame President. President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, Thank you. So, does that answer your question Ms. McKerry?

Nora McKerry: Yeah, I understand that the time is of the essence, I understand its been an ongoing concept for Chinle, I understand that but I am trying to keep in consideration that all residents that are going to be affected by that withdrawal has been notified. They may have concerns about it and have questions about it. I don't believe that everyone that will be affected has been given some time to at least be part of the discussion that’s my concern. Thank you.

Wanda Clark: Madame Chair.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: uh um
Wanda Clark: I believe like what Nora said. Have you all notified canyon residents in that area? I know when they have meetings like
this they always gather together and talk about these things, especially the canyon residents that live around there. My understanding, are you guys demolishing, are you withdrawing this land? Is that what you guys are doing?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: This land is currently in Trust status as Tyrone mentioned. So, this is just another procedure to officially withdraw the land that is part of our core process that we have been working on. Like Tyrone said, this process started in the 90’s so, it’s kind of in a new process. The grant that was secured kind of makes our timeline a little bit more tighter. So, we have I know our Grazing Rep also has been meeting and checking in with the local residents. It is not something that we did not just choose at spot. So, it has been in the works, like we mentioned the National Parks does have a supporting letter. That’s on file for this area as well.

Wanda Clark: So, that supporting letter, is that all updated? I mean something is usually good if you don’t utilize anything on it for the last two or years, I was just wondering about that. Can we hear from the Grazing Rep and see what he has in mind?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Mr. Oscar are you still on the phone?

Grazing Official Oscar Bia: Yeah, this is Oscar. Can you hear?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes

Wanda Clark: Yes

Grazing Official Oscar Bia: (Speaks In Navajo) okay, open up your ears all of those that can hear. I only speak Navajo. I speak English when meeting Anglos. Remember President said that. We are told to speak Dine. That is the reason here, the land withdrawal, I the way I see it, there is no herding. It was a wash. It was covered in brush. That was cleared by employees of the Park Services. There is no farming. I did not see corn ever since I was young. Near there was Garcia Trading Post. So, for some of those that live in the canyon, they like it. They say; It will be good to make a Vendor Village there. Those that sell at the overlooks can move there, and those that sell in the canyon. Those employed by the Park Service, my Nali, you, we have
been informed that all have been told, discussions, all together they can sell here. Who resides in there now? It is not the elders, I am not speaking against them. So, those places, within Chinle it like that. My guide business, with that I think about, from that business owners, jeep drivers and jeep runners I have informed. Those are being forbidden to us. Where there are tours. They say to each other; you took my tours. That is what I am thing about, I agree, I like it. So, over here the Canyon De Chelly has very few residents. Those that have returned to the canyon, there is little land left. There are a lot land in Del Muerto. They take tours there. I like Ben Teller, I spoke with. With that a Support letter is done. I do not try to take land from you. It will be good. When our community reopens, when we fight off COVID-19, it will be there. We will not be in the now. Plow your fields. Fix things up, plant while Park Service is not attending. Fix your fences. Nothing for one year, there was only one home with smoke rising. I think about all those things. We need to work diligently with each other with our arguments. That is how I think about it. The Chinle community is coming together, where are the stores?
Wanda Clark: Will thank you Oscar for explaining that and thank you President. I know there is a motion on the table for right now. I will leave it at that.
Dewayne Billsie: Madame Chair, Mr. Billsie.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, go ahead
Dewayne Billsie: Just brief update to that area you guys are talking about. When I was Chapter President we had approved that and the people before me had approved and this has been going on for years and years. We approved it and its continuing again. I think we just need to finish the debate and do this for the community. This something the community has been wanting for so long, you know. So, it sounds like you guys have the funds to get this thing rolling, you know. Why not just get it going? Its going to benefit the people. If you ever wonder what it looks like. Go to Sheepsprings, over the
mountain. They have one set up there. Looks real nice but they don’t use it. I hope it don’t come out that way but we have enough sellers along that, inside the Park Services, on lookout that can benefit from this, and I think we should finish the debate on this.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Aheehe, thank you for your comments. We still have a motion and a second as well. If there no other comments, I would like to move this over resolution as a vote.

S/T RoAnn Burbank: Madam President.

Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: state everybody’s name

S/T RoAnn Burbank: Madam President, I have a question. This is RoAnn.

Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

S/T RoAnn Burbank: My Telephone doesn’t, didn’t work, who motioned? Please.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: I’m going to be motioned by Tyrone Begay, second by TiShawna Spencer.

S/T RoAnn Burbank: Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: then I am also helping you with notes, RoAnn.

Wanda Clark: Chair.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: we’re going to call for a vote at this time.

Wanda Clark: Madame Chair.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes.

Wanda Clark: I though Nora motioned? Did you unmotion her vote?

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: There was a few that motioned but, Mr. Tyrone came in first and TiShawna can as second.

Wanda Clark: She was motioning it. I thought she was motioning it.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: She had a comment in discussion at that time she had the question about it but there was no motion.

Wanda Clark: Oh, okay.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes, thank you. So, were going to continue the call for vote to proceed with this resolution.
VP Shawna Claw: Madame Chair.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Yes
VP Shawna Claw: Madame chair. I think like Wanda too because I have Nora as a motion to table. So, in order to go forward with the vote, if Nora is able to withdraw her motion to table, then we can move forward with it. But, otherwise I still have on here that's there a motion to table as well.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: She wanted to table it so it can be discussed further, but then there was no second on that so, how does that work? So, does Nora have to withdraw what she states or is it not recognized as because there was no Second.
Wanda Clark: Madame Chair, that's when I came in to ask that question, and Mr. Oscar explained it. But, I just went ahead and told you that the motion is still on stand. So, Nora did motion to table it. So, unless Tyrone is going to second it because he already put in his vote, and so is this other young lady. So, that's going to be three. There was already a motion.
Tyrone Bessey: Madame President. I motioned, there was a second, and then Nora made the comment after the motion and second parties. Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Correct. So, we're back to Ms. Nora. Do you still hold that motion to table?
Nora McKerry: Like I said, I don't doubt that this is a positive thing for the community. I am just concerned that a lot of the community members will be affected have not been able to partake in these discussions. So, yes, I will motion to table it. So, that residents have been allowed to be apart of the meetings to discuss their concerns as well. Thank you.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay is there a second on that motion?
Wanda Clark: And, I believe that Tyrone second that or the other person so, you got two in line.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: No, they did not second that, or motion that particular motion to support the resolution in the
beginning. So now we’re back to Nora’s motion, and if there is second
we will vote on that. If not we will revisit.
BettyRose Draper: I’ll Second.
Motion to table: Nora McKerry Second: BettyRose Draper
Vote: 3 Opposed: 7 Abstained: 4
Motion does not carry
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: with that this Resolution is still
standing and again it is for the Vendor Village project. We would like
to go back to do a vote on the main motion.
CCG Platinum Tyrone Begay: Motion deceased the debate and go to
back to the original motion on passing it.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Okay, we are returning to the main
motion. Which was a motion by Tyrone Begay and a Second by
TiShawnya Spencer, and again this is supporting this resolution to get
the land withdrawal for Vendor Village. We again will carry this to a
vote.
Vote: 11 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 4
Motion carries.

e. CHIN-MARCH-21-013: EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR SUICIDE
PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN NACA (NATIVE
AMERICANS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION) AND NTU
(NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY) AND DATA
COLLECTION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ZERO SUICIDE
INITIATIVES.
Motion: Tamara Brown Second: Walton Yazzie
Discussion:
Vote: 13 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 1
Motion carries.

X. Reports:
a. Council Delegate Honorable Eugene Tso
b. Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch:

Summary Report is attached.
c. Vice President Shawna A. Claw

**Summary Report is attached.**

VP Shawna Claw extends her time to LDA Joann Dedman and give a report on behalf of Delegate Tso. So, if I can call upon our LDA, Ms. Joann Dedman. Thank you.

LDA Joann Dedman: Thank you, Vice President Claw. I appreciate the opportunity. I do recall that Delegate Tso is not on the call. He is very busy. They are still on LOC call right now. I just wanted to highlight one thing, Legislation 0017-20 has gone before NAABI for the 3rd time. It will go before NAABI for the third time this Thursday, and hopefully they will get to it but, NAABI has been meeting up to midnight no several occasions and it still didn’t get any action or support. So, this Thursday it will go before NAABI again. Delegate Tso still needs the Chapter’s support to answer questions, such any questions be posed by Council Delegate. So, if you could be on the call it certainly would be appreciated this Thursday starting at 10:00. Otherwise, Delegate Tso’s report has been submitted in on 2/10, thank you Vice President Claw. Vice President Shawna A. Claw returns to her attached Summary.

d. Secretary/Treasurer RoAnn Burbank

February 2021 Pure Activity

Dewayne Billsie: I have a question, Mr. Billsie.

S/T RoAnn Burbank: Okay.

Dewayne Billsie: My question is what has the Chapter accumulated from water payments from the community?

S/T RoAnn Burbank: Okay, I am looking, just give me a second. Walton, I need your assistance here.

Walton Yazzie: Okay for the month of February the water revenue was $3,904.54 total revenue for that month.

Dewayne Billsie: And, what is that fund being used for?

Chapter Manager Walton Yazzie. The funds were used for back to financial assistance to the community $283.13, financial assistance for burial assistances of up to $500.00, gasoline $1500, supplies $750, and repair and maintenance and other is $2,000.
S/T Roann Burbank: Are there any other questions?
Wanda Clark: Madame Chair, I am just wondering when Walton said that there was burial assistance to that, I thought what kind of assistances people pay for the assistance themselves. I’m just curious. Just wondered.

Chapter Manager Walton Yazzie: Ms. Wanda are you talking about the cemetery fee?
Wanda Clark: Yes, is that all included with what the question was?
Chapter Manager Walton Yazzie: No, the cemetery fee for the month of February was $1,400 and that goes back into the account that is made up for in under cemetery maintenance 01/50. That money $1,400 goes back in there. We are not allowed to use that money for anything else but maintenance.
Wanda Clark: Okay.
S/T Roann Burbank: I can continue on with my Summary report. Report is read.

Summary Report attached

e. Grazing Representative Oscar Bia: (report in Navajo)
Yes, thank you all those that are listening. My report is from February 15, that was our last Chapter Meeting, up to today the 15th. In between that time, the first I signed it on site leases signed for people in District 10-3, then four Nazlini Chapter, I signed for them. Then from NTUA, I also signed some for them, a consent. I don know when they will continue work on that. Four received electricity for those that I signed for. March 5th, there was a teleconference NICS discussing the burial plots. First district 10 grazing committee members we meet up to 1:00 jump onto NRC. Then, they discussed housing on their land. People discussed, and roads. People asked many questions. They did not ask us Grazing Reps any questions about livestock or land. No asked what we wanted. So, Chinle District Agency, (13) chapters are going to do a special meeting about concerns over burial plots. How can we situate it and represent it to the Officials. Here is what we think, we would tell
them. Then, they might comply. We were not questioned while we waited. How will it fix, we will discuss we agreed on. Then, some wells were repaired for us and they are just turning on the water and floods. I spoke those in charge in Chinle that they do not appreciate, and waste, and ruin, place a lock on it, and they don’t take proper care of the wells. What is wrong? I was told I am in charge, and that is what I will be watching in District 10-3. Other wells are ruined with scarce parts. Then, several land disputes, grazing permits, and land use permits I went to visit, and how are we going to deal with the disputes. We could cancel the permits, there others that still have their permits. Land use permit when it is required, permit states how big the permit is for. Some states they were given land by generations before and point out what was given to them. No, they were given Homesite leases, and houses were placed on those lands. There are a lot of people who do not have a homesite lease here in Chinle. So, BLM states. The behind the Behavioral Health is farming land use, and the has been no farming, and houses and trailers were placed on the farmland use and has become many homes. That is not what the farmland use is for, is for planting on. The land department discussed that they might just make homesite leases for them, and there will be no farmland use. They will be given one (1) acre. They said, Grazing Officials were told years ago and they go not acknowledge, and they sleep. I said, At night I sleep. Then the grazing permits cause a complaint on one’s grandchild. It was given to the grandchild and now was trying to take it back. We will be meeting in District 10-3 sometime to discuss how to fix the permit that was approved. We completed a resolution, transfer, and an agreement were issued and then complained about it. The person wanted it back. A lot of people report livestock when I get home after 5 or 6. Complaint of livestock being in the right away, and a ranger reports to me wanting me to do something about it before they get hit by a vehicle. The I put my shoes back on and right away I am over here again. When I contact the owner they say it is not your land, it is all my land and they say things even though I explain it diligently to them about where their
grazing permit sits. And then homesite leases need to be withdrawn in order to put a house on it, complete consent forms, land use permit, ½ mile not in your area. That is what I have to contact people for. Once contacted, I am often told that This land was given to me by my grandmother. One example is that one person claims that the land her grandmother use to herd sheep on, which was from the edge of a wash to another far location. You are only responsible for the homesite lease, and you do not pay for the lease outside your homesite lease, you only pay for one acre now. For now, your sheep are not being herded, and no more horses, cows were roaming. The permit in hand states its for the reservoir, how did you become to live here? Down the Valley Store, near the mesas where the cows do not go and sheep don’t go. Situations like that, are not understood. So, Ben Begay, this year or next year in District 10 permit holders will be cleared, and stated you will manage and think about it. Ben Begay is retired since December 31, 2019. I don’t know who will be Chair at the Natural Resources, maybe the Superintendent. Then it will be discussed when there is a new Chair, discussions about transfer land agreements. They are just being held. There are many resolutions they will not accept and they are difficult to get to meetings. I asked them to fix them for people, and I don’t know how that has gotten. People want to know where their permits have gone. Did you guys chew them? There are a lot of people speaking against us. When can see how to meet them with this Special Meeting. I have been appointed District 10 Grazing Committee Chairperson. I was promoted. The last Chairperson left and this might be why. He was not voted back in. people I work with are looking to me for leadership due to being the Chairperson. I will put paperwork together for them which BIA will approve, a Chapter support resolution may begin the process. So, I am thinking we can replace the CLUPC and that way we discuss about the land from that view, which is another way of thinking, my Officials in attendance. Then powerlines to families were also applied for. I do not know when they will be
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connected. Due to the pandemic there were no waterlines done. That is my report my Officials.
President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Aheehe, Shi Cheii for your report. Next on our report list:
f. Administrative Staff:
Chapter Manager Walton Yazzie:
Goode evening everybody, it’s Walton. Thank you for being online. Thank you, Officials, Dr. Jumbo, Shawna Claw, also our Secretary/treasurer Rosanna, Mr. Tso and his LDA. I will be the only one doing a report, almost all of my staff went home and got off line. This month we have been working with Navajo Hopi Relief. If you kids or know anybody that have kids. We have PPE. We have started this week. I introduced that last Chapter Meeting. We are located every Monday and every Tuesday at the Chinle Parker’s house. So, starting this week, we have been giving out PPEs for kids now. I know some kids are going back to schools the unified schools here or any other schools. We have school kits that will actually fit them. They do get this, a little bag with it, and has some hand sanitizer, wipes also in it. Majority, just for their safety. We do have the adults also. We have been working through the past months serving different communities. This coming week we are serving Chinle again with the Navajo Hopi Food boxes. We did get them their wood last week. We did serve 135 elderlies. We are going to get some woods tomorrow. We did drop off, relayed some woods from Flagstaff. We are suppose to back out on Friday then were suppose to go back out, this weather. You guys all seen the snow. We kind of got delayed again. Recently, here in the Chinle administration we have been trying to work has hard as we can and cover every whole aspect of, we are the Point of Disbursement for Chinle Agency, and we do assist in Navajo Hopi COVID-19 Relief Fund. But, this week we did cover numerous places, like I said. One week we cover Round Rock, Tsaile, Wheatfields, Rock Point and those four (4) communities in one week. And, the following week we usually cover Blue Gap, Nazlini, Cottonwood, Low Mountain, and Whippleorwill. And, the following
week is Chinle. We do alone just because there are a lot of people that are registered under Navajo Hopi. We do get 800 distributed food and that comes down this coming Wednesday. Other than that we have been trying to push all these projects at the same time. I know that I am the main lead for the under the command center, under the POD for the Chinle agency but at the same time we still have to do our job here. So, we do all the financial statement, everything is in. The Chinle Chapter is on board. I usually hurry up and get that done, reporting is done, WINDS System is done. The only thing that is really bugging me is that we have big big short falls this year for the sales tax. We are actually getting 223,000 less. So, we’re really struggling on a lot of things we always use sales tax for, that’s always been utilized for contracts, matching costs for AmeriCorps, matching cost for other grants. I have been trying to make the budget work but, I am sure we will find a way. We always do. Also we have done all our report for our workers comp, the Navajo Nation sales tax that pertains to the Admin. We did submit. Also, we choose the contract for PAE, the one that was at CCC, their last day of contract was this Friday. We closed it up, we packed up everything, everything is shipped out, everything is broken down. So, that contract we were chosen out was on Friday but we’re going to do it on last invoices. Also, the Chinle Chapter has been working with a group named CORE. CORE is a place where we build little homes. We did refer some people over there to work to from the Chinle Community. So, a lot of the people that we hired is always the local Chinle community. So, we did hire 28 local community members as carpenters, laborers, and also electricians. So, they are working all over Chinle Agency. I was the lead person with that too but I did get off that one and I gave it to another Chapter. So, one of the Chapter that kind of stepped up was Pinon Chapter so, they’re the main lead for CORE now because I do have a lot of works here at the Chapter and I told them that its just too much for me to handle. But, we still have projects that we I did reach out to the Senior Center. Senior Center had (4) four elderslies that needed a home. So, I have been working with Core on
that. I believe it got approved. So, we're going to be building them four little homes. I believe you have seen us build before from the AmeriCorps side but, that was a church that gave the funds. We built in less than two days. The CORE team that we have. We're going to be building 150 homes through the Chinle Agency. Our electrician here Michael Duhi does assist and help also. So, we're kind of in a partnership with them so if we can get a lot of our committee members that is overcrowded, people that have a little home but have that a lot of family members. You can refer to us. I have another meeting with them tomorrow at 10:00 if I need to add some more names or any people that overcrowded here in Chinle. So, we can get them a second home or a little home. I believe we build 12 in by 10 ft, just for them to have an extra place to live. So, that one we're halfway done with that hoping that by 4th four more weeks we can close that one too. That was with CORE. Also, we do work with, we approved a home discretionary. We're planning to start going back out in the field, but we really haven't get approval by the CDC yet. Because we still have to have a plan cause we are still in the Emergency Declaration so, we're kind of not allowed to do certain things still. So, we're trying, hoping we get back in because we want them to make sure we assist them in building and getting those materials utilized the ways its supposed to be utilized. Scholarships, we did approve 31 applicants I believe I did, Dr. Jumbo look over the ones that we looked over and looked over the ones I denied it, some things were missing. Home Discretionary also there was a lot of documents that was missing the ones that we denied. But other than that, Admin still here I know we had (6) complaints about our transfer station because I closed it about last week because it was full and it was because that Waste Management had three (3) drivers that quit because they couldn't, because they're working long hours, and they were, I really don’t know really know what happened but they weren’t coming out to pick up the trash. So, the trash was completely full. I pulled up all the trailers in my two times and I tried take all the trash that I could but I couldn’t store it anywhere else. So, I did close it
for a day and a half until the team picked it up. I did get a lot of complaints on that and why I closed it. People were throwing trash in ditch and they made it sound like it was our fault but it was just because we have nowhere to store it. I did explain to them about the situation that there was no drivers to pick it up. They told us we should go branch out somewhere else to get trash but, I know under Navajo Preference we have to go with the Navajo Shiprock Waste Management. Other than that, we are still here open 8 to 5. Of course there was one request also that we should reopen during lunch hours. I used to have lunch hour, we  used to kind of rotate but we went back to closing during lunch hours at lot of the people were working liked it when we’re open through lunch. I told them I would bring it up during the Chapter Meeting. We have done it before, we done a rotation, it worked pretty well but sometimes it wasn’t busy certain days, certain days it was busy. So, that was the day but all you guys thank you, Mr. Delegate Tso and his LDA, thank you for passing our use money. It is very helpful that our kids that need a job that work. Also, I wanted to bring up another grant that we always utilized under the Department of Self-Reliance for our kids. I usually have 40 students there that I usually hire for (6) weeks also and that grant I need to put in by next month. So, I was hoping that we could do that also. We used usually the Chinle Chapter usually hires over two hundred students on the summer and we locate them all over the place. That grant is 100% reimbursable and we get 10% cost back for administrating also. So, that was a good thing. It was just that Department of Self-Reliance. That was a good thing to do but thank you all. Thank you for your hard work, I know we don’t see each other that much. I hope we get to know each other more often because I think we all miss each other sometimes because I’m always on the run, I am always in a meeting, always on Zoom, I am always next door or
somewhere I hope when this is all over that we can all get back to our regular duties and go back to work on majority of each other try to know each other more. Thank you.

President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch: Thank you Walton for the information provided. Again, thank you to you and your staff for always taking care of all these different projects and activities and grids and everything else on your list. So, we appreciate that.

Tyrone Begay
Ilene Thomas
Michael Puhl
Tamara Brown

Alice Rakestraw – Capacity Builders:
No response.

h. Learonti Begay – Branch of Wildfire & Aviation Management:
No Response.

i. Wayne Claw – GSA for 80 beds Elder Nursing Home, Dr. Guy Gorman Sr. Care Home located in Chinle, AZ:
No Response.

XI. Next scheduled Regular Meeting Meeting Date: 4-05-2021 Time: 5:00 PM.

XII. Adjournment by Chapter President Rosanna Jumbo-Fitch at 8:27 pm

Motion by: Walton Yazzie
Second by: Tamara Brown
Vote: 10
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 1

Submitted by
Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Roann Burbank