

## **(Council of Mexican Water Chapter Government)**

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Council of Mexican Water Chapter Government will convene a regular chapter meeting open to the public on July 09, 2014 at Mexican Water Chapter Multipurpose Building Complex 1 locate at Highway 191 N Milepost#2, Mexican Water, Utah beginning at 12:00 o'clock p.m.

Information regarding the following agenda items may be reviewed in the office of the Council Manager at Highway 191 N Milepost#2, Mexican Water, Utah

The Council may vote to convene in Executive Session, which will not be open to the public for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the Council for any agenda item below

Members of the Council will attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing.

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### **I. REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING**

- A. Call to Order by Jerry Tsosie at 1:50 p.m.
- B. Invocation by Harry Descheeny community member
- C. Roll Call by Mary Ann Woody for the record
- D. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of June 08, 2014  
Motion to forward this meeting minute to next meeting by Ruby William, second by Phileomena Mitchell with a vote of 27-0-3, motion carried. We all like to hear Chief Judge's report, it might be lengthy.
- E. Approval of Agenda  
Motion for approval by Francis Haskan, second by Wilbert William with a vote of 27-0-6, motion carried, including Honorable Chief Justice to make his report first and Barbara Silversmith right after.

### **II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. **MWCJUL09-148** Approve to reaffirm to accept the FY 2014 Supplemental General Funds totaling \$143,095.17 and its budget to be used for SYEP, Veterans and Chapter non Administrative activities (*Council allocated this money for the chapters for Veterans, SYEP & Administration*)  
Motion to approve by Wilbert William, second by Sam Woody with a vote of 26-0-3, motion carried

### **III. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **MWCJUL09-149** Support and approve to request the Budget & Finance Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council to amend the NN Appropriations Act (wording in the section does not pertain to the chapter, etc. Monies being allocated at Window Rock instead of at the local chapters)  
Motion to accept item A to F by Wilbert William, second by Grace Begay with a vote of 24-0-1, motion carried  
Martha elaborated: PEP wage is too low, response according to 5 management policy. There are a lot of projects we still have to do.
- B. **MWCJUL09-150** Support and approve to amend/modify the construction cost of the MPB Complex 2 Senior Center to accommodate the \$675,000.00 that is available for construction of public facility (*not enough money but some of the money is expiring so we are trying to push this through, Senior Council met and they decided this way*)

- S. MWCJUL09-151** Supporting PEP Funds (20 days work for bathroom addition and some other areas not just in Dennehotso Garnet Ridge).
- D. MWCJUL09-152** Approve to hire local vendor to haul sand & gravel for bathroom addition project using Housing funds (don't just give money to Bilagaana but use Navajo people)
- E. MWCJUL09-153** Supporting and approving to request the Health, Education and Human Services, Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> NN Council to recommend the Rock Point Community School for Reauthorization (we have some children going to school there, what happened to the person that was at large and voted for, SJ superintendent and Red Mesa school superintendent usually come to make their reports but none from Rock Point)
- F. MWCJUL09-154** Supporting & approving to use chapter funds to contract for Professional Services and to advertise through RFP for accounting assistance (we need an outside help with paper work or take a look at our paper work and assist us- accountant)  
**Steven John** - PEP wage is too low. Maybe double it. Response: According to 5 Management Policy, a personnel policy is according to Navajo Nation labor position is low, so this is one step higher. If you want higher wages, the money is not going to last us. There are a lot of projects we have to do still, electrical house wiring, bathroom addition, plumbing, etc.
- G.** Peace Making needs supporting resolution to continue their journey to completion
- H.** Peace Making need another resolution for peace making request by Martha
- I.** Rock Point Community School reauthorization
- J.** Resolution by Curtis

#### IV. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Financial Reports (attached)
1. Ratification of June 2014 Payroll Expenses of **\$11,638.78**
  2. Ratification of June 2014 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,450.00**
  3. Ratification of June 2014 Chapter Grazing Official Stipend Expenses of **\$538.26**
  4. Ratification of June 2014 Chapter Veterans Organization Expenses of **\$161.48**
  5. Ratification of June 2014 Scholarship Expenses of **\$ .00**
  6. Ratification of June 2014 Vouchers Expenses of **\$(3,891.89)**
  7. Budget Transfer/Modifications to cover expenses incurred June 2014
  8. Approval of Veterans FY 2008 Supplemental Navajo Nation General Funds to be expended for:
    - Financial Assistance Energy Assistance for two (2) Veterans at \$300.00 each
    - Financial Assistance Hardship Assistance for two (2) Veterans at \$300.00 each

Motion to approve financial reports **1 to 8** by Ruby William, second by Sam Woody with a vote of 20-0-2, motion carried for ratification above
- A.** Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)
1. **Navajo Nation Chief Justice** – Honorable Herb Yazzie  
 Thanks the community, attended the Agency Meeting at Montezuma Creek a few weeks ago, time was given to him to make report there very briefly. Revisit the law book (beehaz'aanii & nahata'). RIGHTS (what is rights in English?) regarding WATER (we own the water). Beehas'aanii (in Navajo means do it yourself) was set way back with our cheii & masani'. The White people did not give us the law, not written on paper.

\*Use of Navajo Language is important and very effective.

\* Title 7 (blue book) courts/procedures

\*Haskeeki naata – Peace Making with ke' (given to us many years ago) not written in the blue book, we can't call it our beehaz'aanii

\*Reading of Beehaz'aanii written in Navajo by Roger Begay, Cultural Training Manager under Peace Making Program, how come we don't speak in Navajo if we are Navajo, write and read? It is a very powerful language. Think about this for us as a community (**Dine bibeelaz'aanii ak'ihahilaa dooleel**). (Handout available)

\*how can we speak for our self?

\*Many things happening and still going on such as water being taken from us, we need our beehaz'aanii and we need to use it

\*1043 people were send back from Hweeldi, court system became about and were told to use this system, but we did not approve back then it was forced on us. So today we learn it and use it for many years. Is it good for us and is it working for us?

\*Courts and Judicial Law is different (people are still angry at each other when court is over) *no hand shake and hugs, etc. versus Navajo Peace Making*

*\*Indoctrination/Colonization –*

**Introduction of people with Chief Justice: Gloria Benally** PEACE Making Coordinator in Window Rock, **Stanley Nez:** PEACE Making Coordinator under Aneth, UT. **Kristina Manymules:** Community Specialist with Peace Making

**Questions:** *Curtis Yanito*, it's good that this is being done and moving forward with it. We have intermarriages. Domination of Churches separated us and our languages. Membership (over population) Utes for example, use of Navajo Language, does that make you a Navajo?

**Response:** We don't say "Pray this way" in traditional way. When we pray in Navajo we don't think of it as a religion, it is a way of life. It is a Fundamental Law. It is up to the person how he/she prays and follows this prayer. A person should not abuse a person's prayer due to bila'ashdla'ii (five finger person) diniilzin, there are consequences to breaking the law. Everything has their law, the universe, bird species, fish species, etc. We are different. Nanitin is all we are doing.

**Question:** Sam Woody, what happens when a person says "we will pick on each other for life"? **Response:** We are forgetting the Dine bibeelaz'aanii and nanitin, if such a case how do we think about it? Maybe this individual was never taught the traditional ways, how can this person understand us, did this person learn all this from Western way of teaching? You're not the only one, the other person has bee'haz'aanii. Follow the sacred road, corn pollen road, etc.

**Gloria Benally response:** Never give up on your own clan, not being taught today. Things are changing today, we don't have many of the elders who teach traditional ways and we only have the people who speak English who are becoming grandparents. Young people say "It's not your business; it's not your problem". I have rights, etc.

**Website:** [navajocourts@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:navajocourts@navajo-nsn.gov)

**Response:** Dine bibeelaz'aanii/bi nanitin is different and Bilagaana bibeelaz'aanii is different. If Bilagaana says this way, you can challenge what Bilagaana are saying as far as beehaz'aanii. This will be the job of naata'nii – leaders, if they are true leaders.

**\*26 N.N.C §103 Local Governance Act Title 26 Chapter Authority #10** handout given to the local community and chapter officials (forgotten by the leaders, not being practiced, etc.)

\*For example: Issues with couple and children always ends up in court, there the grandparents don't have right to speak on behalf of the children

\*Homesite Lease and Grazing Permit always becomes an issue, why not solve it here in the chapter, not the court?

\*Invite Peace-making to come out and assist the chapter how to solve an issue with problems that arises within the community, they will assist, etc.

**\*Regionalization** – budget put aside just for that last year and then this year again. 16 Administrative Centers to be set up with it each will have technical assist with the chapters, planners, account, lawyers, etc. If the budget is set, include people who will work on peace making system, really think about it. To the Youth he stated that a Chapter House is a place for planning, for discussion, debate about our future, how we shall live together, what shall we do to improve our condition of our elders, parents, family, land, and water. This is why the building were constructed. What is seen here is people discussion in a quiet civil way how you want to be. These people want to see you in this building when they meeting because they want you to learn.

**Paul Police** – It is like waking up in a Hogan, we forgot Ke', intermarriages, no Navajo Language usage, 1950 was beautiful, land moist, plenty of food for animals, relates this to birth of a child. Today we have many dangerous plants, wind and the way we are is different. How do we face it and fix it? Many years ago when problems arise, it was taken to the chapter to resolve issues.

**David John** – we as Navajo speak two language, Navajo and English which is a blessing for all of us. Navajo Nation is the only chapters where people still have input and make decisions on resolutions, other places are not like that; don't know of any other nation that is like that.

**Martha Saggboy** – Appreciate the speech and the story of how our people are and the people are thankful for that. Peace making at the chapter level, think about it and request for a resolution, FY 2015 three branches already had their meeting (dream budget) was done. Additional positions being requested to go forth for the local chapter.

**David John** – Go forward with the Peace making project and do a resolution to support to continue with their journey

**Motion to accept Chief Justice's report by Francis Haskan, second by Sam Woody with a vote of 28-0-6, motion carried, with supporting resolution to continue their journey to completion and another resolution for peace making to be included with this vote per Martha's request.**

2. **Barbara Silversmith** – Candidate for the Apache County Clerk of Superior Court  
Question first for Chief Justice: does that include the roles of criminal procedures?  
Response: Yes and he explained why, etc. Traditional System and Court System they have their own procedures. Ms. Silversmith introduced herself in Navajo and is running for Apache County Clerk and requesting for support from everyone when election time comes, etc. Example: Child Custody Case – Mom and Dad arguing and then the grandma raises her hand in the back and given the time why she raises her hand and she says these kids are her children too and the Judge says, it's not her business.  
**(back to regular agenda)**

3. Council Delegate – Kenneth Maryboy – no show
4. Grazing Representative- Curtis Yanito, he made his report earlier regarding Utah water settlement does not have enough water for future Utah Chapters and Mexican Water economic development as far as farming and CLUP dreams of success, we need to ask for more water. **He will do the resolution himself.**
5. UNHS – Cassandra Beletso – no show
6. **Dianna Duai** - Rock Point Community School-CEO (needs a supporting resolution-reauthorization). Budget and administration not working like they should be, they come and go. 3 years behind on reports for auditors, etc. so the school is under Navajo Nation Department of Education in Window Rock. Annual Financial Agreement wants this resolution; this AFA is the one that allocate the budget yearly. 6 of our children from Mexican Water are attending school at Rock Point.  
**Martha** questioned the status of the school at Rock Point Community. Is the school still under improvement, what is the status now? Response is restructuring (AYP). Under restructuring, Common Core Status (highly qualified is certified & highly effective is based on test score)
7. NN Oil & Gas – Sam Dee – Back in June set training in Mossi, there should be another one. Don't know if some students submitted their application for scholarship but winter will be coming up. Was in Window Rock today. As of today Navajo Nation oil/gas Louis Denetsosie is our CEO. There are some issues between the courts, going back and forth; hopefully they will settle it soon. We do assist people, if a child is going on a trip for education, etc., and make sure you do a report on 16<sup>th</sup> of each month. There are monies to assist from the Oil/Gas. Everything pertains to the training you are seeking, etc. Mexican Water has no proposed budget and everything is on hold. If ALERT team is established then they can provide training here at the chapter. First priority is the five chapters within UT. He oversees 11 chapters within the reservation. Memo with letter head will do for requesting of foods and other items, etc.  
**Motion to accept all reports by Dan Lee, second by Sam Woody with a vote of 20-0-3, motion carried.**
8. **Francis Redhouse** – Candidate for Council Delegate. Emphasizes to take a look at the people with real experiences and are operating their business if economic development.
9. **Rebecca Benally** – Candidate for County Commissioner, just want to say THANK YOU for the primary votes and next will be primary election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. come out and vote. The voting election is a big concern right now, especially the mail in vote.

- V. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** by Jerry Tsosie @ 5:03 p.m.  
**Motion to adjourn by Sam Woody, second by Francis Haskan with a vote of 21-0-0, motion carried.**  
**Next Planning Meeting August 6, 2014 @ 3:00 p.m. and Chapter Meeting August 10, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.**

Posted by: Mary Ann Woody      Date Posted: 07/09/2014      Time Posted: 5:03 p.m.

*Chapter Officials went into executive session and Grazing Representative did his report on water settlement to the community. This will be his report for today, all on recorder.*