

(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 November 09, 2014 at Mexican Water Chapter Multipurpose Building Complex 1 locate at Highway 191 N Milepost#2, Mexican Water, Utah beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Information regarding the following agenda items may be reviewed in the office of the Council Manager at Highway191 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.

If any disabled person needs any type of accommodation in order to attend this meeting, please notify Braniel Smith at (928) 429-0986 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting.

I. REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

A. Call to Order by Jerry Tsosie @ 11:10 a.m.

B. Invocation Mary R. Benally

C. Roll Call by Mary Ann Woody for the record

D. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of October 08, 2014

Motion for approval by Mary R. Benally, second by Wilhelmina John with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, motion carried

E. Approval of Agenda

Motion for approval by Thomas Poyer, second by Gladys Begay with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, motion carried with the addition below.

Question: TPoyer - **Item B**, wants to thank the voting people and the votes and on top of that we did transfer of budget and veterans organization as a group and we are part of this chapter, why was our budget carry over just been put aside and wants to have it approve, etc. He wants to re-add the budget so it can be voted on today. He wants all the listed items on planning agenda as is and have it approve today.

There was a request to purchase a **Flag** for the late Bennie S. Begay Sr. to present to his wife. We planned to present this Flag to the spouse today and at Veterans Day but apparently this did not happen. We did selected another commander – Ttsiniginie. I just wondering why we are considered to be an outsider, we are part of this chapter and sometimes we feel like we are just being pushed away at times, this is not the first time, it have happened too many times, etc.

CPresident: Back in September all subcommittee updated their plan of operation, did veterans submitted their plan of operation as is with a memo, etc.? During planning meeting, we had questions on it and there was no representative there at the meeting.

VPresident: During planning meeting we had questions on all the listed items. Who were the officers? 2014 to 2015 budget transfer (\$31,767.00), housing policy, FY 2015 allocation, Veterans Financial Assistance for 2015, Client List for 2015, AZ (2), UT (2) from Trust Fund, Request for assistance (3) equals \$900.00. David requested the voting party to add the above list and what was listed on the planning agenda since there are three veterans present today here at the chapter meeting. According to Thomas Poyer president for the Veterans Organization they submitted all the paperwork that was requested to Chapter Coordinator before planning meeting and did informed the people requesting for assistance to be present at the planning meeting, etc.

II. OLD BUSINESS - none

III. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- A. MWCNOV09-006** Recommend to select and appoint a Soil & Water Conservation District Representative for Fiscal Year 2015
Sarah Yanito motion for discussion and second by Mary R. Benally with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained, motion carried
Harry Descheeny was a representative for many years. He stated that he wants to get off. Their meeting is usually in Shiprock every month and they have a lot of money they are working with.
Comment: RYanito – Does Harry want to get off? Response is yes.
CPresident – does Curtis Yanito (grazing rep.) be willing to be the representative? We will get a resolution ready for you and take that over there but see Chapter Coordinator first and inform her and we can put your name on the resolution.
- B. NWCNOV09-007** Approve and accept the FY 2015 Veterans Organization Plan of Operation
Motion for approval by Sarah Yanito, second by Doris Haskan with all item listed on the planning agenda and all 2014 to 2015 budget transfer (\$31,767.00), housing policy, FY 2015 allocation, Veterans Financial Assistance for 2015, Client List for 2015, AZ (2), UT (2) from Trust Fund, Request for assistance (3) equals \$900.00. With a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained, motion carried.
Comment: RYanito – Why? It's not fair.
VPresident: We had no Veterans Representative at the planning meeting and we had questions on the items so now we have three Veterans present here and they explained all the listed items, etc. We just need to approve it as is.
- C. MWCNOV09-008** Supporting and Approving to request the Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to allocate FY 2015 funding for the Mexican Water Chapter Utah Scattered Phase II Power Line Project to construct 4.39 miles of power line to serve twelve (12) homes located within San Juan County, Utah
Motion for support by Mary R. Benally, second by Thomas Poyer for item C to K with a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, motion carried
Comment: RYanito – who are getting power line? There is one person who has been requesting for power line and has not happened yet, maybe put this person on the list.
VPresident read item C to K and explain each item in Navajo term so that all understands what they are. These are just wish list... Administration has the list of people and we can request for it or post it? We can add this person if Richard has the name.
- D. MWCNOV09-009** Supporting Approving to request the Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to allocate FY 2014 funding of \$1,486,915.33 for the Phase 3 Power Line Extension Project Construction
- E. MWCNOV09-010** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Board to authorize expenditure of \$5,000.00 from the FY 2015 Chapter Project Allocation to be used towards the Technology Project within the 50 acre land tract development
- F. MWCNOV09-011** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Board to authorize expenditure of \$5,000.00 from the FY 2015 Chapter Project Allocation to be used towards the Tourism Cabins Project within the 50 acre land tract development
- G. MWCNOV09-012** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Board to authorize expenditure of \$2,500.00 from the FY 2015 Chapter Project Allocation to be used towards labor funds (Marketing is already on the way out there, people making reservation). We do have Van available to haul tourist for sight-seeing, etc.

- H. **MWCNOV09-013** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Board to authorize expenditure of \$2,266.00 from the FY 2015 Chapter Project Allocation to be used towards Housing Materials
- I. **MWCNOV09-014** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Board to authorize expenditure of \$2,500.00 from the FY 2015 Chapter Project Allocation to be used towards the Flag Pole installation at MPB within the 50 acre land tract development
- J. **MWCNOV09-015** Supporting and approving to contract for information Technology (IT) for computer maintenance and networking monitoring services for FY 2015
- K. **MWCNOV09-016** Approving to authorize expenditure from the Mexican Water Chapter Capital Outlay Funds of \$59,284.44 for preliminary right of way cost to provide services to twelve (12) clients within Mexican Water, San Juan County, Utah and NTUA will commence with archaeological clearance, environmental assessment, and legal survey of ROW easement for PL extension
- L. **MWCNOV09-015** Approve and Support Utah Dineh Bi ke'yak conservation proposal in San Juan County Utah to protect Dine Rights and interest on Federal Land
Motion for approval by Mary R. Benally, second by Richard Yanito with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, motion carried

IV. **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CPresident: \$554M Settlement Public Hearing will set one for Utah people, probably at Whitehorse High School. CLUP meeting was held last week and has been completed.

Grazing Rep.: went over the \$554M that was on the board:

8% 44.32M attorney fee

8% 44.32M Land Acquisition

4% 22.16M Veterans

2% 11.08M

12% 66.48M Permanent Trust

TOTAL: 24%

Left Over 409.9M 66%: This is what we need to discuss with the community. There is already a Permanent Trust Account. Some are saying we need to save it and put it into a Trust Fund for interest, just like what Peterson Zah did which is now probably at a Billion, etc.

CPresident: CLUP has listed some items for this public hearing, we need to discuss how we can use the outcome of the public hearing, etc.

Question: RYanito, where is this money at?

Vice-President: There was law suit and Navajo Nation won this money back

MMaryboy: Just do a Per Capita; let the people have it, why just put it in the bank.

MR. Benally: If its Per Capita, we are just going to run out of money (waste it, we need water, electricity, home, schools, use it for chapter projects. **November 18 is CLUP meeting.** Come and discuss the issue.

TPoyer: We have been hearing about this \$554M. Certain people have nice/good roads, homes, etc. Why just 2% for Veterans? More people/Veterans in other Agencies. He has a question for item 4, \$161.48 what was this? Find out what this was from the administration

A. Financial Reports (Attached)

Motion for item 1 to 7 under financial reports by Thomas Poyer, second by Wilhelmina John with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, motion carried

1. Ratification of October 2014 Payroll Expenses of **\$9,091.01**

2. Ratification of October 2014 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,000**

3. Ratification of October 2014 Chapter Grazing Official Stipend Expenses of **\$00**
4. Ratification of October 2014 Chapter Veteran Organization Expenses of **\$161.48**
5. Ratification of October 2014 Scholarship Expenses of **\$00**
6. Ratification of October 2014 Vouchers Expenses of **\$122,946.82**
7. Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred October 2014

B. Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral) The Recorder went out here

1. Program for Self-Reliance
2. DCRM – Clarinda Clark from Farmington, NM
3. Council Delegate, Kenneth Maryboy

A lot of issues regarding NN President, etc. Voted against the Navajo Language. Council doesn't give a dam and Washington is overseeing them. There is no Veterans Fund in Washington. There was an agreement somewhere down the road there that they will never pick up a weapon again. 18 6 gun during WWII, Hep E disease never got paid for it but Whites got paid for and no Navajo person. Our Language won the war, etc.

Chris D. never came to the chapter but Russell Begay seems to be OK and will help us. Had a meeting with Russell Begay and told him why he choose Jonathan Nez. Was told him about the Land Bill and Trust Fund and Water Settlement, want Kenneth to work on it. McLaughin, a lot of money given to in Kayenta Township and due to that a law suit against Russell Begay so there will be Donald Benally, etc., Dine Benally law suit against him with Joe Shirley. Navajo Supreme Court.

Dineh Bi Ke'yah – is moving along the way (Bruce Babbit) came and gave him a tour of Bear's Ears, etc. "It Means Most While" was a statement by him. There were people around that area. Oljato has a lot of questions on this.

San Juan County Alliance: BLM and are doing a town hall meeting. Separate from the County 1.9M acres give back to the Navajo People

RYanito: need date of the meeting; there is a flyer which will be posted, etc. November 12 at MW 5:00: November 14. I took a picture of it, etc.

Ruby William – NN President for 2 terms instead of 3 or 4, etc.

The election is Council's fault, not doing anything about it but the bottom line is Chris D. lied about the use of Navajo Language. Danny Sampson put forth a paper, saying that just English! "Remove Maryboy from Competition" a paper went out again.

Mary Benally – comment, this Navajo Language, we are all at fault, each one of us. We don't teach our children the Navajo Way, etc. So teach your children while they're young. "Don't say Squaw Dance" Enemy Way Ceremony, etc.

DJohn – Five Year Program, don't understand Navajo Language so everybody spoke to him in English

TPoyer – we are going along every day, our children are going to school and learning what they are interested in. Too many naataanii and we listened to them speak, etc.

4. Grazing Committee Representative, Curtis Yanito
 1. Land Bill in Utah on November 12, 2014 here at Mexican Water (Water Issue) concerns all of us, etc. Talk about it and discuss it
 2. Branding/Count all papers have been turn in – submitted
 3. 2015 branding is coming forth and next year don't hide your animals, every animal has to be accounted for.
 4. Budget: A lot of LAWS, it seems like everything has policy such as Navajo Range Land was not made for the people, we want to do the paperwork ourselves

5. Grazing Permit: 1906 has been used and forgotten since then, a lot of work we do for free and gas is high (cost of living), etc. Just a little bit of money is allocated for us. We want to get the same amount as the chapter officials.\
6. We are told to go to water conservation meetings which we do but don't get paid for
7. Requesting for resolution regarding allocation of money just like the Chapter Officials
8. Conferences: no money for traveling to places, etc. Permit Holder meetings and we need food for these meetings.
9. Horse Training happened in Toda (3) horses were trained. It was a big turnout. Right now they are doing one in Red Mesa.
10. Niinanizaa on November 20, 2014.

Vice-President: We used to put money in Supplemental Fund but they don't do this anymore. \$500.00 a meeting for next chapter meeting and approve his resolution he is requesting and asking the motioning party and add adjournment.

Motion by Thomas Poyer and second by Roy Hathale with a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, which includes all quarterly reports and adjournment, motion carried.

5. UNHS, INC Health Board, Cassandra Beletso – no show
6. Chapter Officials

V. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT** by Jerry Tsosie @ 2:07 p.m.

Posted by: Mary Ann Woody

Date Posted: 11-09-2014

Time Posted: 2:08 p.m.