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Received 01/13/11

Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2011 @ 12:00 PM

- I. Meeting Call To Order at 1:09 p.m. by Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President
- II. Invocation given by Alvin Tohtsoni, Grazing Representative
- III. Announcements/Recognize Visitor(s)  
Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President request David L. John, Chapter Vice-President to run the Chapter Meeting due to some items on the Agenda that he felt would be a conflict on his behalf. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President accepted to run the Chapter Meeting and he recognized Manual Morgan, Oscensio Tom, Wilson Groen with Navajo Oil & Gas.
- IV. Approve and Accept Agenda  
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve and Accept Agenda as read by Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Yanito seconded to Approve and Accept Agenda as read by Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President requested to add two items under Old Business as a typo by Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer. The two items were a tabled item from last month's meeting and therefore he requested to bring back those items back on the agenda to be in compliance/order. The follow Items are: Approve to request to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah and Approve to accept FY 2011 Navajo Revitalization Fund Chapter Allocation of \$98,914.00 and its budget for the Senior Citizen Center. Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President requested to give Navajo Oil & Gas the floor first, since they came all the way from Window Rock, Arizona. Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate also requested to add an item to New Business, Approve to request Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Department to identify and appropriate funds for Road Maintenance, School Routes, and B Roads within San Juan County, Utah area. Motion passed with 36 in favor, 00 opposed and 07 abstentions.
- V. Reports-  
Navajo Oil & Gas-Manual Morgan, Board of Director/Oscensio Tom, Communication Relation Coordinator/Wilson Groen, CEO-The Staff made brief introductions, and Mr. Groen reported that the Navajo Oil & Gas is Federally Chartered, 100% Navajo Nation Owned, Originally formed in 1995, under the Navajo Nation Corporate Code and in 1998 the Council approved change from Navajo Nation Charter to Federal Charter. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> Navajo Nation Corporation from under Section 17 with structure and it has 9 Board of Directors, 1 member from each Agency and 4 Presidential appointees. The Share holders consist of a member from each Standing Committees. Mr. Tom explained the 3 different Scholarships that are available through the Company which are the Operating Agreement/Pipeline Company Scholarship, Agency Scholarship and Four-Year Petroleum Industry Scholarship. The Student will be eligible for as long as he or she is registered with Mexican Water Chapter, UT/AZ resident. Mexican Water Chapter's Operating Agreement budget for FY 10 was \$5,000 and since there were no applicants the carryover is \$5,000. Mexican Water has been allocated since 2006 and allocations have been carried over and the current balance is \$19,000.00. Mr. Tom also handed out Scholarship Applications and the attendees were very surprised about the information and expressed their appreciation. The students must retrieve a supporting resolution indicating voter verification. Curtis Yanito motioned to accept report from Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Pauline Black, seconded to accept report from Navajo Nation Oil & Gas. Mr. Alivn Tohtsoni, Grazing Representative inquired about the drillings within the Mexican Water Chapter Planning Boundaries. Mr. Tohtsoni, Grazing Representative was informed that the Funds Produced from the production is allocated strictly for Scholarship. Mary Benally asked if it would be possible for NNOG to send

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someone from their Safety Department to explained some precautionary plans for those who live within these drilling areas. Mr. Morgan informed her that a representative could come out and explained the procedures. Mr. Lewis Patterson also inquired more about the Scholarship on voter registration for his grandson and David L. John, Chapter Vice-President told him that could be handled administratively. Emery Beletso asked about the amount of oil being produced within the Mexican Water Chapter Planning Boundaries. Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate reported that NNOG is finally coming around to our area and requesting NNOG to consider our Chapter during events for funding assistance. Motion passed with 32 in favor, 00 opposed and 07 abstentions.

VI. Approve and Accept Meeting Minutes of December 2010

VII. Approve and Accept December 2010 Financial Reports

Mary Benally motioned to defer Approval and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of December 2010 and Approval and Acceptance of December 2010 Financial Reports and requested to distribute the Reports, Wilhelmina John seconded to defer Approval and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes of December 2010 and Approval and Acceptance of December 2010 Financial Reports and requested to distribute the Reports and motion passed with 32 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

VIII. Old Business (es) Resolution (s)/Support Resolution (s)

1) MWCJAN09-015 Approve to request to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah

Richard Yanito motioned to officially bring back Approval to request to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah for discussion, Gladys Begay seconded to officially bring back Approval to request to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah for discussion and motion passed with 31 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.

Janet Yanito motioned to Approve to request to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah, Wayne Yanito seconded to Approve to request to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah. Richard Yanito expressed his concern to restoring the Foot Bridge and how it was never brought to the attention of the Grazing Permit fees and he feels that there is no need for the foot bridge any more. He has a lot of questions about this issue; he didn't realize that such plans were in place for the foot bridge. When the foot bridge was established it was for school and after that people drowned and to many people starting using it for tourism and the families nearby felt uncomfortable and for that reason we are requesting to rescind Resolution MWC-080608-80089 Approving to request the Office of the President/Vice President to support the restoration of the Foot Bridge by the St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff. Johnson Skow questioned what would happen to the funds that were allocated for this project? Curtis Yanito wanted to let the community know that they not only want to rescind the resolution and they are also are against the whole idea of rebuilding the bridge. He is also

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questioned what would happen to the funds that was secured for the Restoration. Motion passed with 30 in favor, 00 opposed and 04 abstentions.

2) MWCJAN09-016 Approve to accept FY 2011 Navajo Revitalization Fund Chapter Allocation of \$98,914.00 and its budget for the Senior Citizen Center

Emery Beletso motioned to officially bring back Approval to accept FY 2011 Navajo Revitalization Fund Chapter Allocation of \$98,914.00 and its budget for the Senior Citizen Center, Mary Benally seconded to officially bring back Approval to accept FY 2011 Navajo Revitalization Fund Chapter Allocation of \$98,914.00 and its budget for the Senior Citizen Center and motion passed with 30 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.

Emery Beletso motioned to Approve to accept FY 2011 Navajo Revitalization Fund Chapter Allocation of \$98,914.00 and its budget for the Senior Citizen Center, Mary Benally seconded to Approve to accept FY 2011 Navajo Revitalization Fund Chapter Allocation of \$98,914.00 and its budget for the Senior Citizen Center. Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President mentioned that Richard Yanito was requesting to assist 7 families for incomplete housing construction with the funding and Mark Maryboy was also requesting \$55,000 for his Preliminary Engineering Studies from this allocation. Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate reported that Navajo Revitalization Fund assist with non chapter project that does not require resolution, and the other one that funds according to resolutions from Chapters and that NRF was actually meant for Power line and water line project but somewhere along the way housing projects were allowed and abuse came in assisting the same constituents and chapter officials requesting for reimbursements for manpower hours for their own housing improvements. Keele Johnson, State Representative requested a bill to allowed funding for the Utah Navajos for heating assistance, water and utility and that's how the NRF was established with Severance Tax Funds. However, the Board can still decide what project to fund and they have no position yet to stop housing projects. Mary Benally stated that the allocation should be budgeted for the Mexican Water Senior Citizen Center, Mexican Water Community doesn't have such a place for our elders and our community will benefit from it. Housing assistance request should be the responsibility of the Clients; their homes should be number one priority. For example in her case she is relying on financing on her own. Her request is to allocate the \$98,000 for the Senior Citizen Center. Johnson Skow wanted some clarification on the budget; his understanding was the chapter was fully funded and wanted to know why we were allocating more funds for it. He was informed by David L. John, Chapter Vice-President that the budget was going to the Senior Citizen Center not the Chapter. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President excused Mr. Maryboy, Council Delegate and allowed him to make a very brief report. Mr. Maryboy, Council Delegate reported that he has another meeting scheduled in Sweetwater regarding the Northern Agency Council Responsibilities and discuss how meetings will be scheduled Quarterly with Chapter Officials, he will be over seeing five Chapters and things will be different, some will and will not like the changes. He also mentioned that he does not support the Resolution for the Continuation of the Utah Navajo Commission because he feels that there is not enough Utah Representation, maybe it would be better if the Commission was reorganized. Mark Maryboy is requesting \$55,000 for pre engineering cost for preliminary studies that will be reimburse by the USDA and most Chapters/Chapter Officials don't understand the project or either that they don't care and IHS is also involved. However Mr. Mark Maryboy is requesting to

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meet with the Chapter Officials to determine how his request will be treated. Motion passed with 30 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

IX. New Business (es) Resolution (s)/Support Resolution (s)

1) MWCJAN09-017 Approve to request Community Development Block Grant to assist with funding the Mexican Water Senior Citizen Center with the FY 2012 Funding.

Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request Community Development Block Grant to assist with funding the Mexican Water Senior Citizen Center with the FY 2012 Funding, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request Community Development Block Grant to assist with funding the Mexican Water Senior Citizen Center with the FY 2012 Funding and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 oppose and 00 abstention.

2) MWCJAN09-018 Approve to request the Navajo Nation Council, Budget & Finance Committee, to operate on Continue Resolution with a 100% Operating Budget.

Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request the Navajo Nation Council, Budget & Finance Committee, to operate on Continue Resolution with a 100% Operating Budget, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request the Navajo Nation Council, Budget & Finance Committee, to operate on Continue Resolution with a 100% Operating Budget and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed.

3) MWCJAN09-019 Approve to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to submit a Grant Proposal to Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Mexican Water for a power upgrade.

Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to submit a Grant Proposal to Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Mexican Water for a power upgrade, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to submit a Grant Proposal to Community Development Block Grant on behalf of Mexican Water for a power upgrade and motioned passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

4) MWCJAN09-020 Approve to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to submit a Grant Proposal to United States Department of Agriculture on behalf of Mexican Water for a power upgrade

Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to submit a Grant Proposal to United States Department of Agriculture on behalf of Mexican Water for a power upgrade, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to submit a Grant Proposal to United States Department of Agriculture on behalf of Mexican Water for a power upgrade and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

5) MWCJAN09-021 Approve and request the United States Department of Agriculture to grant the Power Upgrade for the Mexican Water Community.

Mary Benally motioned to Approve and request the United States Department of Agriculture to grant the Power Upgrade for the Mexican Water Community, Pauline Black seconded to Approve and request the United States Department of Agriculture to grant the Power Upgrade for the Mexican Water Community and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

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6) MWCJAN09-022 Approve to request Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Decel/Excel lanes for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex from the Fuel Excise Tax.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Decel/Excel lanes for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex from the Fuel Excise Tax, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Decel/Excel lanes for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex from the Fuel Excise Tax and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

7) MWCJAN09-023 Approve to request Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Parking Lot for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex from the Fuel Excise Tax

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Parking Lot for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex from the Fuel Excise Tax, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Parking Lot for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex from the Fuel Excise Tax and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

8) MWCJAN09-024 Approve to request the Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Decel/Excel lanes for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request the Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Decel/Excel lanes for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request the Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Decel/Excel lanes for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

9) MWCJAN09-025 Approve to request the Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Parking Lot for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request the Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Parking Lot for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request the Navajo Department of Transportation to fund the Parking Lot for the Mexican Water Multipurpose Complex and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

10) MWCJAN09-026 Approve to support and urge the Navajo Nation 22<sup>nd</sup> Council to maintain and strengthen the Navajo Utah Commission as a means and mechanism of providing efficient governmental services for the Utah Chapters.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to support and urge the Navajo Nation 22<sup>nd</sup> Council to maintain and strengthen the Navajo Utah Commission as a means and mechanism of providing efficient governmental services for the Utah Chapters, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to support and urge the Navajo Nation 22<sup>nd</sup> Council to maintain and strengthen the Navajo Utah Commission as a means and mechanism of providing efficient governmental services for the Utah Chapters and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

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11) MWCJAN09-027 Approve to Support the Utah State Legislation for establishing a Navajo Code Talker Monument.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to Support the Utah State Legislation for establishing a Navajo Code Talker Monument, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to Support the Utah State Legislation for establishing a Navajo Code Talker Monument and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

12) MWCJAN09-028 Approve to withdraw \$3,401.25 from the CD interest to use to defray expense incurred and its budget.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to withdraw \$3,401.25 from the CD interest to use to defray expense incurred and its budget, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to withdraw \$3,401.25 from the CD interest to use to defray expense incurred and its budget and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention**

13) MWCJAN09-029 Approve to transfer \$31,818.19 from the Chapters Checking Account to the Chapters Savings Account.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to transfer \$31,818.19 from the Chapters Checking Account to the Chapters Savings Account, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to transfer \$31,818.19 from the Chapters Checking Account to the Chapters Savings Account and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

14) MWCJAN09-030 Approve to make payment of \$260,000 to Valley Design Construction for work already performed.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to make payment of \$260,000 to Valley Design Construction for work already performed, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to make payment of \$260,000 to Valley Design Construction for work already performed and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

15) MWCJAN09-031 Approve to implement the Nation Incident Management System as the Authorized Local Emergency Response Teams standard operating procedures.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to implement the Nation Incident Management System as the Authorized Local Emergency Response Teams standard operating procedures, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to implement the Nation Incident Management System as the Authorized Local Emergency Response Teams standard operating procedures and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

16) MWCJAN09-032 Approve to Request the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation to identify and appropriate supplemental funds for the shortfall of the stipends for the planning, regular, special, and agency council meeting for the Chapter Officer as and Grazing Representatives

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to Request the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation to identify and appropriate supplemental funds for the shortfall of the stipends for the planning, regular, special, and agency council meeting for the Chapter Officer as and Grazing**

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**Representatives, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to Request the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation to identify and appropriate supplemental funds for the shortfall of the stipends for the planning, regular, special, and agency council meeting for the Chapter Officer as and Grazing Representatives and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

17) MWCJAN09-033 Approve to request to utilize the CD Funds to appropriate funds for the shortfall of the stipends for the planning, regular, special, and agency council meeting for the Chapter Officer as and Grazing Representatives. Should the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation identify and appropriate supplemental funds for the shortfall the CD Funds will be replenished.

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18) MWCJAN09-034 Approve to request Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Department to identify and appropriate funds for Road Maintenance, School Routes, and B Roads within San Juan County, Utah area.

**Mary Benally motioned to Approve to request Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Department to identify and appropriate funds for Road Maintenance, School Routes, and B Roads within San Juan County, Utah area, Pauline Black seconded to Approve to request Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Department to identify and appropriate funds for Road Maintenance, School Routes, and B Roads within San Juan County, Utah area and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

## X. Approval(s)

1. December 2010 Payroll Expenses
2. December 2010 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses
3. December 2010 Scholarship Expenses
4. December 2010 Vouchers Expenses

**Curtis Yanito motioned to approve December 2010 Payroll Expenses, December 2010 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses, December 2010 Scholarship Expenses, December 2010 Vouchers Expenses, Pauline Black seconded to approve December 2010 Payroll Expenses, December 2010 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses, December 2010 Scholarship Expenses, December 2010 Vouchers Expenses and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

## XI. Other(s)/Discussion Items-None

1. Archaeological Clearances
  - 1.AZ -
  - 2.UT -

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XII. Report(s)

1. Council Delegate(s)
2. Chapter Officials(s)
3. Grazing Committee Representative
4. Navajo Oil & Gas-Manual Morgan, Board of Director/Oscensio Tom, Communication Relation Coordinator/Wilson Groen, CEO.

**Curtis Yanito motioned to accept reports made by Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate, Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Wilhelmina John seconded to accept reports made by Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate, Navajo Nation Oil & Gas and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

XIII. Next Meeting Date/Time

Planning Mtg Date: February 2, 2011      Time: 04:00 p.m.  
Chapter Mtg Date: February 6, 2011      Time: 12:00 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment at Time:

**Curtis Yanito motion to confirm the next meeting dates as follows: Planning Meeting Date on February 2, 2011 at 04:00 p.m., Chapter Meeting Date on February 6, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. and adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m., Wilhelmina John seconded to confirm the next meeting dates as follows: Planning Meeting Date on February 2, 2011 at 04:00 p.m., Chapter Meeting Date on February 6, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. and adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. and motion passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.**

Submitted by,



Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer  
Mexican Water Chapter-THE NAVAJO NATION