

MEXICAN WATER CHAPTER

Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2011 @ 04:00 PM



- I. Meeting Call to Order by Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President at 05:28 p.m.
- II. Invocation given by Alvin Tohtsoni, Grazing Representative
- III. Announcements/Recognize Visitor(s)
 - 1. Navajo Nation Oil & Gas

Rachael Dahozy with Navajo Nation Oil & Gas reported that there have been two successful oil drillings within the Red Mesa Planning Boundaries and a portion of that area is within the Mexican Water Planning Boundaries. This area is Northeast of the Toda Headstart Building and one of these drillings was visible from the highway south of Betty Stash's resident. The Voting Member attending the meeting questioned why most of that area is within the Red Mesa Planning Boundaries and why the oil royalty paid out does not increased when the gas prices have been high? Mrs. Dahozy commented that Navajo Nation Oil & Gas has no say in the way the boundaries are set, however the boundaries are issued from Utah Land Department and the royalty rates are approve by the Council.

- 2. Navajo Nation Dine Education-Jennifer Begaye
No Show

- IV. Approve and Accept Agenda

Amelia Black motioned to approve and accept agenda as read by Cassandra Beletso, Secretary/Treasurer, Harry Descheene, Soil & Water Conservation District Representative seconded to approve and accept agenda as read by Cassandra Beletso, Secretary/Treasurer. Alvin Tohtsoni, Grazing Representative requested to add travel expenses to approval for the Agriculture Conference Scheduled for September 20, 21 and 22 of 2011 for mileage, lodging and meals. Motioning party Amelia Black and Harry Descheene approved to add item to the agenda and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

- V. Approve and Accept Last Meeting Minutes of August 07, 2011

- VI. Approve and Accept August 2011 Financial Reports

Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President requested the voting members to defer the August 2011 Meeting Minutes & Financial Report approval and acceptance to the next Regular Meeting. Lewis Patterson motioned to defer August 2011 Meeting Minutes & Financial Report approval and acceptance to the next Regular Meeting, Wilhelmina John seconded to defer August 2011 Meeting Minutes & Financial Report approval and acceptance to the next Regular Meeting and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

- VII. Old Business (es) Resolution (s)/Support Resolution (s)

NONE

- VIII. New Business (es) Resolution (s)/Support Resolution (s)

- 1. **MWCSEPT14-113** Approve to accept the Fiscal Year 2012 Signature Authorizations for chapter accounts and financial documents.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept the Fiscal Year 2012 Signature Authorizations for chapter accounts and financial documents, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept

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the Fiscal Year 2012 Signature Authorizations for chapter accounts and financial documents and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

2. **MWCSEPT14-114** Approve to accept the FY 2012 Chapter Organizational Chart.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept the FY 2012 Chapter Organizational Chart, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept the FY 2012 Chapter Organizational Chart and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
3. **MWCSEPT14-115** Approve to accept the FY 2012 Chapter Charts of Accounts.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept the FY 2012 Chapter Charts of Accounts, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept the FY 2012 Chapter Charts of Accounts and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
4. **MWCSEPT14-116** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Officials Plan of Operation and its stipend amounts.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Officials Plan of Operation and its stipend amounts, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Officials Plan of Operation and its stipend amounts and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
5. **MWCSEPT14-117** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Community Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee Plan of Operation and its membership.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Community Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee Plan of Operation and its membership, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Community Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee Plan of Operation and its membership and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
6. **MWCSEPT14-118** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Authorized Local Emergency Response Team Plan of Operation and its membership.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Authorized Local Emergency Response Team Plan of Operation and its membership, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Authorized Local Emergency Response Team Plan of Operation and its membership and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
7. **MWCSEPT14-119** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Housing Committee Plan of Operation and its membership.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Housing Committee Plan of Operation and its membership, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Housing Committee Plan of Operation and its membership and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
8. **MWCSEPT14-120** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Organization Plan of Operation and its officers.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Organization Plan of Operation and its officers, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Organization Plan of Operation and its officers and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

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9. **MWCSEPT14-121** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Operating Budget of \$262,733.00 and its budget.
Harry Descheene, Soil & Water Conservation District Representative motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Operating Budget of \$262,733.00 and its budget, Sarah Yanito seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Operating Budget of \$262,733.00 and its budget and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.
10. **MWCSEPT14-122** Approve to use the Savings Account Interest to cover expenses incurred for the month of August 2011 For Travel Expenses.
Harry Descheene, Soil & Conservation District Representative motioned to Approve to use the Savings Account Interest to cover expenses incurred for the month of August 2011 For Travel Expenses, Amelia Black seconded to Approve to use the Savings Account Interest to cover expenses incurred for the month of August 2011 For Travel Expenses and motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.
11. **MWCSEPT14-123** Approve to withdraw and use the Savings Account to cover payroll expenses for temporary employment.
Harry Descheene, Soil & Conservation District Representative motioned to Approve to withdraw and use the Savings Account to cover payroll expenses for temporary employment, Amelia Black seconded to Approve to withdraw and use the Savings Account to cover payroll expenses for temporary employment. Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President expressed his concerns about hiring issues with this temporary employment, he explained that the Chapter was recently audited and based on the audit the Chapter was suppose to advertise, however in this case the positions were not advertised and there is not beginning/ending date or budget that has been reported. He encouraged the voting membership to be questioned request like such in the future and he stated that he was not informed about the hiring of the individuals, however the voting membership has no choice but approve the request because the individuals have already put in hours and they will have to get paid for work performed. One voting membership mentioned that he was not aware of this hiring and he was concerned about other incomplete projects and funds should be spent there but the new building also needs labor work for the Open House, too. Motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.
12. **MWCSEPT14-124** Approve to withdraw the matured CD Account to be used for payment of \$15,000 for Furniture expenses and other cost for the grand opening activities of the multipurpose building.
Amelia Black motioned to Approve to withdraw the matured CD Account to be used for payment of \$15,000 for Furniture expenses and other cost for the grand opening activities of the multipurpose building , Lena Begay seconded to Approve to withdraw the matured CD Account to be used for payment of \$15,000 for Furniture expenses and other cost for the grand opening activities of the multipurpose building and motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.
13. **MWCSEPT14-125** Approve to request the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer to supervise the Community Service Coordinator and Chapter Vice-President as alternate when the Secretary/Treasurer is unavailable.
Sarah Yanito motioned to Approve to request the Chapter Secretary/Treasurer to supervise the Community Service Coordinator and Chapter Vice-President as alternate when the Secretary/Treasurer is unavailable, Amelia Black seconded to Approve to request the Chapter

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Secretary/Treasurer to supervise the Community Service Coordinator and Chapter Vice-President as alternate when the Secretary/Treasurer is unavailable. Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President stated that he and Martha Saggboy, Community Services Coordinator are not on good working conditions, therefore he has requested to be opposed his supervision for Mrs. Saggboy, maybe she will be reported to Mrs. Beletso like she is supposed to. He had considered requesting Rodger Joe, Program Supervisor with LGSC to take over her supervision. He also mentioned Mrs. Saggboy never attends the Planning/Regular Meetings, like it states in her job description. He has records to prove that she has attended only one of those meetings and she should be in attendance to answer any questions that may arise during these meetings. Motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.

14. **MWCSEPT14-126** Approve to accept FY 2012 Public Employment Program Policy.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Public Employment Program Policy, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Public Employment Program Policy and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
15. **MWCSEPT14-127** Approve to accept FY 2012 Scholarship Policy.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Scholarship Policy, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Scholarship Policy and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
16. **MWCSEPT14-128** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Organization Policy.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Organization Policy, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Organization Policy and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.
17. **MWCSEPT14-129** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to purchase road signs for the Mexican Water Community for the Rural Addressing Project.
Amelia Black motioned to Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to purchase road signs for the Mexican Water Community for the Rural Addressing Project, Harry Descheene, Soil & Water Conservation District Representative seconded to Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to purchase road signs for the Mexican Water Community for the Rural Addressing Project and motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.
18. **MWCSEPT14-130** Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to cover expenses toward the Connect Utah Navajos Project for Broadband.
Amelia Black motioned to Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to cover expenses toward the Connect Utah Navajos Project for Broadband, Harry Descheene, Soil & Water Conservation District Representative seconded to Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to cover expenses toward the Connect Utah Navajos Project for Broadband and motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.
19. **MWCSEPT14-131** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Activity Fund Plan of Operation and its budget amounts.
Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Activity Fund Plan of Operation and its budget amounts, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012

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Chapter Activity Fund Plan of Operation and its budget amounts and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

20. **MWCSEPT14-132** Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Plan of Operation for Financial Hardship Assistance.

Lewis Patterson motioned to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Plan of Operation for Financial Hardship Assistance, Gladys Begay seconded to Approve to accept FY 2012 Chapter Veteran's Plan of Operation for Financial Hardship Assistance and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

21. **MWCSEPT14-133** Approve to Support the Utah Navajos for the San Juan County Redistricting

Sarah Yanito motioned to Approve to Support the Utah Navajos for the San Juan County Redistricting, Amelia Black seconded to Approve to Support the Utah Navajos for the San Juan County Redistricting and motioned passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstention.

IX. Approval(s)

1. Ratification of August 2011 Payroll Expenses of **\$3,031.18**
2. Ratification of August 2011 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$4,000.00**
3. Ratification of August 2011 Scholarship Expenses of **\$0**
4. Ratification of August 2011 Vouchers Expenses of **\$20,237.36**
5. Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred
6. Approve to sell and part out the 670A John Deere Grader back to Tom Growney and deposit back into appropriate chapter account
7. Utah Navajo Fair Donation Request of \$200.00
8. \$150.00 for Veterans Financial Hardship Assistance
9. FY 2012 Apache County Polling Place Agreement
10. Travel Expenses for Alvin Tohtsonie, Grazing Representative

Sarah Yanito motioned to approve the Ratification of August 2011 Payroll Expenses of \$3,031.18, Ratification of August 2011 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of \$4,000.00, Ratification of August 2011 Scholarship Expenses of \$0, Ratification of August 2011 Vouchers Expenses of \$20,237.36, Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred, Approve to sell and part out the 670A John Deere Grader back to Tom Growney and deposit back into appropriate chapter account, \$150.00 for Veterans Financial Hardship Assistance, FY 2012 Apache County Polling Place Agreement, Travel Expenses for Alvin Tohtsonie, Grazing Representative and leave the request from the Bluff Fair for Donation Request of \$200.00 out because the sponsor is not here, Gladys Begay seconded to approve the Ratification of August 2011 Payroll Expenses of \$3,031.18, Ratification of August 2011 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of \$4,000.00, Ratification of August 2011 Scholarship Expenses of \$0, Ratification of August 2011 Vouchers Expenses of \$20,237.36, Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred, Approve to sell and part out the 670A John Deere Grader back to Tom Growney and deposit back into appropriate chapter account, \$150.00 for Veterans Financial Hardship Assistance, FY 2012 Apache County Polling Place Agreement, Travel Expenses for Alvin Tohtsonie, Grazing Representative and leave the request from the Bluff Fair for Donation Request of \$200.00 out because the sponsor is not here. Voting membership questioned about the 670A John Deer, he is concerned about the roads that are in bad conditioned, and he was informed that the 670A John Deer Grader will need major repairs and the Chapter does not have enough funds for repairs, however the Chapter still owns one other grader that is in working

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condition that could maintain the residential roads. Motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.

X. Other(s)/Discussion Items

1. Archaeological Clearances

UT Resident-None

AZ Resident –Stella Black

Wilhelmina John motioned to approve Stella Black for Archaeological Clearances, Dan Lee Begay seconded to approve Stella Black for Archaeological Clearances and motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstentions.

XI. Report(s)

1. Council Delegate(s)

2. Chapter Officials(s)

3. Grazing Committee Representative

4. Red Mesa School Exceptional Program-Amelia Black

Amelia Black reported the purpose of the Exceptional Program at the Red Mesa School. She reported that the program is there to help students who have speech/hearing problems and how they affect the learning abilities. It is important to recognize these problems in the early learning years of school. Otherwise students lose interest in school, end up dropping out and this program is there to prevent these problems. She also encouraged the parents, grandparents and guardians help observe their students and that they know where to go.

XII. Next Meeting Date/Time

Planning Mtg Date: October 05, 2011

Time: 4 p.m.

Chapter Mtg Date: October 12, 2011

Time: 4 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment at: **06:44 p.m.**

Amelia Black motioned to accept reports as made, confirm the next meeting dates for October 2011: Planning for October 5, 2011 at 4 p.m., Regular Meeting for October 12, 2011 at 4 p.m. and adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:44 p.m., Harry Descheene, Soil & Water Conservation District Representative seconded to accept reports as made, confirm the next meeting dates for October 2011: Planning for October 5, 2011 at 4 p.m., Regular Meeting for October 12, 2011 at 4 p.m. and adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:44 p.m. and motion passed with 24 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.

Submitted by,



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