

**Mexican Water Chapter**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2012**  
**04:00 p.m.**

- I. Meeting Called to Order by David L John, Chapter-Vice President at 04:57 p.m.  
Jerry Tsosie, Chapter President has requested David L John, Chapter Vice-President to Chair the meeting.
- II. Invocation given by Tsosie Tsiniginni, Community Member
- III. Announcements/Recognize Visitors  
David L. John, Chapter Vice-President opened the floor for any announcements:  
Alvin Tohtsoni, Grazing Representative-Negotiation Meeting will be held at Mexican Water Chapter on March 27, 2012, Recon Oil Co. will also be attending the meeting to meet with anyone interest in withdrawing land for sand/gravel pit.  
David L. John, Chapter Vice-President recognized Bill Todacheene, Chapter Vice-President from Aneth, Utah.
- IV. Approve and Accept Agenda  
Harry Descheene, Soil & Water Conservation District Representative motioned to Approve and Accept Agenda as read by David L. John, Chapter Vice-President, Wilbur Williams seconded to Approve and Accept Agenda as read by David L. John, Chapter Vice-President. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President requested and recommended the motioning party to allow Doug Wright, San Juan School District Superintendent to make his report on the Bluff Elementary Sewer Issues, Bill Todacheene, Chapter Vice-President from Aneth Chapter to present his Resolution after Mr. Wright and motioned passed with 28 in favor, 00 opposes and 05 abstentions.  
Marlin Saggboy requested David L. John, Chapter Vice-President to come back to Item V and VI when Cassandra Beletso, Secretary/Treasurer arrives. Mr. John, Vice-President reassured Mr. Saggboy that when she does arrive the floor will be given to her for the 2012 February Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports.  
David L. John, Chapter Vice-President gave the floor to Dough Wright, San Juan School District Superintendent to present his report on the Bluff Elementary School Sewer Issues. Mr. Wright reported that there are concerns being raised by parents regarding the sewer problems, there are 80 students attending the School, the school is getting old and the sewer problems has been a reoccurring issue for the past several years, the sewer has been rebuilt three times. The voting membership asked if there are any plans in the future to build a new school. Mr. Wright stated there are no plans to build any new schools for Bluff, however if the enrollment does go up it may be a consideration. Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate mentioned that the State of Utah has shut down school two times in the past due to the sewer back up. The School was warned if the sewer should back up again that the School will be closed for the safety of the students. Mr. Maryboy stressed that something has to be done about this issue; otherwise we will be sending our children to other schools. The School District is doing whatever they can to keep this from happening. We

also have the School Board who we vote in to assist with these kinds of concerns. Bill Todacheene, Chapter Vice-President asked if the School District still have ownership to the vacated Elementary School in Mexican Hat? Mr. Wright answered that the building does not belong to the School District anymore.

Marlin Saggboy motioned to accept the Report Given by Doug Wright, San Juan School District Superintendent, Ruby Williams seconded to accept the Report Given by Doug Wright, San Juan School District Superintendent and motion passed with 35 in favor, 00 opposed and 05 abstentions. On another note Mr. Wright announced that the Red Mesa School District has notified San Juan School District that they are no longer allowing Red Mesa School Buses to run into the Utah portion. A few years ago they started running their buses into Utah, where San Juan School District was not allow to do that, however San Juan School District will accept students from anywhere as long as they can meet the buses. Parents are reimbursed for differences they have to travel to meet the bus and they are accepting any student who wishes to transfer there. He also mentioned that Spring Break is over and Red Mesa just started theirs and it would be most convenient to enroll this week, since it is the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. He was informed that there are 40 High School Students, 30 Junior High School Students and 30 Elementary students who are affected by the changed. San Juan School District is capable of taking in the students, as far as building capacity. He also noted that Red Mesa School District was instructed by the State to take this action, to stop all bus going into Utah and ask all students from Utah to enroll/transfer to other schools. The Elementary School, Middle School and High School Principals have been notified and ready to take in new students who have been affected by the Red Mesa School District's Decision. Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate/San Juan County Commissioner spoke on the issue that the County drafted a letter to the State of Arizona that morning. Congressman Flake will be getting a letter as well. He also feels that the Parents should have been well informed about the issue before making this decision and the Superintendent is only an interim. Martha Saggboy, Chapter Manager suggested that a resolution should be addressed to the Attorney General of the Navajo Nation, Education Committee of the Navajo Nation and the Superintendent of Red Mesa School. Parents can also take their concerns to the School Board Meeting scheduled for March 22, 2012 at 6 p.m. They can stress their concerns in the Public Comment Section; however this meeting is a Special Meeting. The Resolution can stress the Compact Aide Funding, gas prices are too high to be meeting the buses, the high unemployment rate, and students' failure during a transfer in the middle of the School Year, and request the Education Committee to request to keep the bus routes as it is now and wait until the end of the school year. That would give the parents and students sufficient time to make their transition. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President recommended to invite Clifford Sagg, Red Mesa School Board President to report on the issue. He also stated that there some parents that don't have the finances/transportation to transport their children to meet the buses wherever it maybe.

Marlin Saggboy motioned to amend the Agenda and include the discussion for a resolution, Ruby Williams seconded to amend the Agenda and include the discussion for a resolution and motion passed with 35 in favor, 00 opposed and 05 abstentions.

V. Approve and Accept Meeting Minutes of February 2012

Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer read the February 26, 2012, Special Meeting Minutes. Gerald Frank motioned to Approve and Accept February 2012 Special Meeting Minutes, Sarah Yanito seconded to Approve and Accept February 2012 Special Meeting Minutes. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President asked the Voting Membership if they had any questions pertaining the 2012 Meeting Minutes, no questions were asked and motion passed with 27 in favor, 00 opposed and 05 abstentions.

VI. Approve and Accept February 2012 Financial Reports

Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer read the February 2012 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Report. Marlin Saggboy motioned to Approve and Accept February 2012 Financial Report, Ruby Williams seconded to Approve and Accept February 2012 Financial Report. David L. John, Chapter Vice-President asked the Voting Membership if they had any questions on the 2012 Financial Report, no questions were asked pertaining the 2012 Financial Report and motion passed with 31 in favor, 00 opposed and 05 abstentions.

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

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

1. MWC MAR19-051 Approve to request the Navajo Nation Attorney General, Navajo Nation Education Committee and Red Mesa School District#27 to reconsider their decision to ceased all bus routes into the State of Utah due to academic reasons, high gas prices to meet the buses at the Stateline, how the compact aide may affect the transitions, insufficient time frame for the students to transfer and requesting to keep the bus routes the way they are until the end of the School Year.

Wilbur William motioned to Approve to request the Navajo Nation Attorney General, Navajo Nation Education Committee and Red Mesa School District#27 to reconsider their decision to ceased all bus routes into the State of Utah due to academic reasons, high gas prices to meet the buses at the Stateline, how the compact aide may affect the transitions, insufficient time frame for the students to transfer and requesting to keep the bus routes the way they are until the end of the School Year, Marlin Saggboy seconded to Approve to request the Navajo Nation Attorney General, Navajo Nation Education Committee and Red Mesa School District#27 to reconsider their decision to ceased all bus routes into the State of Utah due to academic reasons, high gas prices to meet the buses at the Stateline, how the compact aide may affect the transitions, insufficient time frame for the students to transfer and requesting to keep the bus routes the way they are until the end of the School Year and motion passed with 34 in favor, 00 opposed and 05 abstentions.

2. MWCMAR11-052 Approve to request NRF Board to authorize expenditure of \$14,800.00 for installation of audio system for MPB Meeting room and Conference room and to reimburse the chapter for using its own funds
3. MWCMAR19-053 Approve to request NRF Board to authorize expenditure of \$11,606.40 for installation of networking system for MPB to reimburse the chapter for using its own funds.
4. MWCMAR19-054 Approve to transition the existing Navajo Nation Employee to Chapter Employee at negotiated salary with new position title as Chapter Manager and Administrative Assistant
5. MWCMAR19-055 Approve to Continue Retirement Services similar to Navajo Nation for all Chapter Full-Time Employees with budget to cover the Employers' match  
Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate motioned to Approve to request NRF Board to authorize expenditure of \$14,800.00 for installation of audio system for MPB Meeting room and Conference room and to reimburse the chapter for using its own funds, Approve to request NRF Board to authorize expenditure of \$11,606.40 for installation of networking system for MPB to reimburse the chapter for using its own funds, Approve to transition the existing Navajo Nation Employee to Chapter Employee at negotiated salary with new position title as Chapter Manager and Administrative Assistant and Approve to Continue Retirement Services similar to Navajo Nation for all Chapter Full-Time Employees with budget to cover the Employers' match, Ruby Williams seconded to Approve to request NRF Board to authorize expenditure of \$14,800.00 for installation of audio system for MPB Meeting room and Conference room and to reimburse the chapter for using its own funds, Approve to request NRF Board to authorize expenditure of \$11,606.40 for installation of networking system for MPB to reimburse the chapter for using its own funds, Approve to transition the existing Navajo Nation Employee to Chapter Employee at negotiated salary with new position title as Chapter Manager and Administrative Assistant and Approve to Continue Retirement Services similar to Navajo Nation for all Chapter Full-Time Employees with budget to cover the Employers' match and motion passed with 33 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.
6. MWCMAR19-056 Approve to request supplemental funding for MPB Complex 2 Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee.
7. MWCMAR19-057 Approve to request supplemental funding for Phase 3 Power line Extension Project Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee.
8. MWCMAR19-058 Approve to request supplemental funding for Accel/Decel Lane, Access Road and Parking Lot Project Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee.

Marlin Saggboy motioned to Approve to request supplemental funding for MPB Complex 2 Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee, Approve to request supplemental funding for Phase 3 Power line Extension Project Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee and Approve to request supplemental funding for Accel/Decel Lane, Access Road and Parking Lot Project Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee, Ruby Williams seconded to Approve to request supplemental funding for MPB Complex 2 Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee, Approve to request supplemental funding for Phase 3 Power line Extension Project Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee and Approve to request supplemental funding for

Accel/Decel Lane, Access Road and Parking Lot Project Construction funding from Resource Development; Budget & Finance; and NA'BIK'IYATI' Committee and motion passed with 33 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abtentions.

9. ~~MWCMAR19-059~~ Approve to Recognize Rhonda Tuni as a Mexican Water registered voter for Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Scholarship Residency Verification

10. ~~MWCMAR19-060~~ Approve to Recognize Rena Tuni as a Mexican Water Chapter registered voter for Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Scholarship Residency Verification

Sarah Yanito motioned to table Approve to Recognize Rhonda Tuni as a Mexican Water registered voter for Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Scholarship Residency Verification and Approve to Recognize Rena Tuni as a Mexican Water Chapter registered voter for Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Scholarship Residency Verification, Wilbur Williams seconded to table Approve to Recognize Rhonda Tuni as a Mexican Water registered voter for Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Scholarship Residency Verification and Approve to Recognize Rena Tuni as a Mexican Water Chapter registered voter for Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Scholarship Residency Verification. The motioning party stressed that if you have any item on the agenda, you should be in attendance and motion passed with 33 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

11. MWCMAR19-059 Approve to Request San Juan County Commissioners (Utah) and Mr. Lynn Laws, San Juan County Road to reroute the County Road #476 to near Mile Post 5.75 of Highway 191. The County Road #476 is existing right front of Mrs. Ileen Yazzie and Mr. Harry Boy's residence. Both of the Residence are Elderly with Special Needs, and the Privacy does not exist with the residence for any of the family outdoor activities.

Emery Beletso motioned to Approve to Request San Juan County Commissioners (Utah) and Mr. Lynn Laws, San Juan County Road to reroute the County Road #476 to near Mile Post 5.75 of Highway 191. The County Road #476 is existing right front of Mrs. Ileen Yazzie and Mr. Harry Boy's residence. Both of the Residence are Elderly with Special Needs, and the Privacy does not exist with the residence for any of the family outdoor activities, Wilbur Williams seconded to Approve to Request San Juan County Commissioners (Utah) and Mr. Lynn Laws, San Juan County Road to reroute the County Road #476 to near Mile Post 5.75 of Highway 191. The County Road #476 is existing right front of Mrs. Ileen Yazzie and Mr. Harry Boy's residence. Both of the Residence are Elderly with Special Needs, and the Privacy does not exist with the residence for any of the family outdoor activities and motioned passed with 33 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

I. Approval(s)

1. Ratification of February 2012 Payroll Expenses of \$12,386.58
2. Ratification of February 2012 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses \$2,000.00
3. Ratification of February 2012 Scholarship Expenses \$00.00
4. Ratification of February 2012 Vouchers Expenses \$12,992.47
5. Approve to extend additional 40 days for (1) one Office Assistant Position
6. Hire additional personnel: Custodian/Maintenance; Project Specialist; Grant Writer; Planning Aide.
7. Approve to financially assist the Red Mesa 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Promotion activities.  
Ruby Williams motioned to approve Ratification of February 2012 Payroll Expenses of \$12,386.58, Ratification of February 2012 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses \$2,000.00, Ratification of February 2012 Scholarship Expenses \$00.00, Ratification of February 2012 Vouchers Expenses \$12,992.47, Approve to extend additional 40 days for (1) one Office

Assistant Position, Hire additional personnel: Custodian/Maintenance; Project Specialist; Grant Writer; Planning Aide, Approve to financially assist the Red Mesa 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Promotion activities, Marie Etsitty seconded to approve Ratification of February 2012 Payroll Expenses of \$12,386.58, Ratification of February 2012 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses \$2,000.00, Ratification of February 2012 Scholarship Expenses \$00.00, Ratification of February 2012 Vouchers Expenses \$12,992.47, Approve to extend additional 40 days for (1) one Office Assistant Position, Hire additional personnel: Custodian/Maintenance; Project Specialist; Grant Writer; Planning Aide, Approve to financially assist the Red Mesa 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Promotion activities. Marlin Saggboy verified that there are a total of 71 8<sup>th</sup> graders promotion and 14 are from Mexican Water and motion passed with 32 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

II. Other(s)/Discussion Items

1. Archaeological Clearances

A. AZ Resident Irene Gray

B. UT Resident

Marlin Saggboy motioned to approve Irene Gray for Archaeological Clearances, Wilhelmina John seconded to approve Irene Gray for Archaeological Clearances and motion passed with 32 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

III. Report(s)

1. Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate(s)

2. Jerry Tsosie, President, David L. John, Vice President, Cassandra Beletso, Secretary/Treasurer

3. Alvin Tohtsonie, Grazing Committee Representative

Ruby Willams motioned to accept Report given by Kenneth Maryboy, Council Delegate, Emery Beletso seconded to accept Report given by Kenneth Maryboy and motion passed with 33 in favor, 00 opposed and 00 abstentions.

IV. Next Meeting Date/time

Planning Meeting Date: April 4, 2012 at 06:00 p.m

Chapter Meeting Date: April 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m

V. Adjournment

Wilbur Williams motioned to confirm April 2012 Meeting Dates: Planning Meeting Date for April 04, 2012 at 06:00 p.m., Regular Meeting for April 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn the Regular Meeting, Marlin Saggboy seconded to confirm April 2012 Meeting Dates: Planning Meeting Date for April 04, 2012 at 06:00 p.m., Regular Meeting for April 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn the Regular Meeting and motion passed with 26 in favor, 00 opposed and 01 abstention.

Submitted by,



Cassandra Beletso, Chapter Secretary Treasurer  
Mexican Water Chapter