

(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 January 8, 2017 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 Martha Saggboy 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 @ 11:08 a.m.
- B. Invocation by our Chapter President, Jerry Tsosie
- C. Roll Call, read by secretary/treasurer for the record, all officials are here, quorum to proceed with the chapter meeting
- D. Approval of previous meeting/Journal of Proceedings/minutes of December 11, 2016
Motion made to defer the previous meeting to be posted by Cassandra Beletso, second by Tara Benally with a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried
- E. Approval of Agenda – read by secretary/treasurer for the record
Motion made to approve today's agenda by Sam Woody, second by Kenneth Maryboy with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried
Question by Kenneth Maryboy regarding the sponsor for item resolution 021, second by Cassandra Beletso (approval) stated that all this was taken care of at planning meeting. She also requested for Lydell Tsosie family, stipend for them if the funding is available
Chapter Official stated that most of these resolutions are done by Martha and she is not here today. We never have the resolutions ready for the chapter meeting
Cassandra Beletso, all these were probably planned and discuss at the planning meeting and questions were asked, addition to under approval for Tsosie family, \$50.00 were given to a person in such case would like to add this under approval, they are probably busy
Chapter President agreed to Cassandra's request above. It also depends on how much money there is too. Melissa Gray, her name was not on the list when she inquired at the administration level and requesting to be on the list, this request was done during planning, and will go on item N and add her for power line/water, for water go to OEH with Craig Ute was mention by Chapter President

II. OLD BUSINESS - none

III. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- A. **MWCJAN08-021** Approving to support the efforts and intention of the REP Mike Noel in introducing legislation during the 2017 Utah Legislature to identify State lands for proper & culturally appropriate repatriation of Native American human remains
David John stated that this is state legislature and there is no one here to sponsor. We have some questions regarding this item; this is a very touchy issue, what is Navajo Nation saying about this issue? It would be nice to have Grazing Representative to be here to explain it too.
Motion to defer to next meeting by Cassandra Beletso, second by Kenneth Maryboy, with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried
Mary Benally, if there is remain, they should notify the Navajo Nation, they should remain there when it comes time, etc.
- B. **MWCJAN08-022** Approve to accept the FY 2016 Revenue Collection for FY 2017 Navajo Nation Chapter Sales Tax Funding of \$40,001.00 and its budget

Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso for items **B to N**, second by Kenneth Maryboy with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried (*motion party switch due to conflict of interest for Kenneth since he will be up here in February for some of the resolution items*)

Cassandra Beletso question where the money is going and how it will be used, also O'lene Walker which she likes to see happen and suggested new selection of housing committee and prioritize all the people with housing request

Chapter President, letter was written to them but no response from the people, they were told to update their information but only a few did, two people are hired to work on this. There are about 200 people for housing request

Cassandra also suggested to do home visit again, some of them might have their address changed, etc. Let's not give them difficult time when they request for house and she knows some of them give up on the chapter to help for housing, etc. She recommends that this will not be happening again.

Mary Benally, poor construction of houses was done from the last time, they need to do better job, etc. This is a bad investment.

Kenneth Maryboy, whenever you introduced something you have a sponsor, a lot of them are the same, etc. Not really understanding item E and questioning that, etc. All this would prolong because we have a lot of questions, etc. But to go ahead and vote on these items anyway, etc.

Chapter President, mention chapter secretary's request for item I and to approve and others to fence them in

Tara Benally, recommending to finish these homes within 3-4 months, not 2 years. Also make correction on a lot of the homes that were built before

Esther Reddoor, question on item M to hire a consultant, was there one hired and helping the chapter, etc. These people should have a background check before they do their job.

Chapter President, re-explained for NAHASDA client

David John, this is a new FY and we always hire a strategic planning and consultant to help us, etc. Hiring is done according to procurement act and will be advertised

- C. MWCJAN08-023** Approve to accept the FY 2016 Revenue Collection for FY 2017 Navajo Nation Dine Healthy Act funding Distribution and its budget of \$9,893.00
- D. MWCJAN08-024** Approving the amended 23rd Navajo Nation Council resolution CS-49-16, the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2017 and Comprehensive Budget for 110 Navajo Nation Chapter Officials stipend in the amount of \$7,141.00 and its budget
- E. MWCJAN08-025** Approving and supporting the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Mexican Water Chapter and San Juan County, Utah Commissioners to disburse direct funding of FY 2016 Funds and to accept the SJC Funds
- F. MWCJAN08-026** Approve to accept the Apache County Polling Place Agreement for Calendar Year 2017
- G. MWCJAN08-027** Supporting and approving to request the Utah O'lene Walker Housing Loan Fund (OWHLF) Board of Directors to appropriate \$266,000.00 as a grant allocation for the Navajo Utah Commission to construct one single-family housing unit at each of seven (7) Utah Chapters in San Juan County
- H. MWCJAN08-028** Supporting and approving to request the BEGAY/NEZ administration, Health, Education, & Human Services Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Nation Department of Navajo Veterans Affairs Administration, and the Veterans Advisory Council to address, in efficient and meaningful manner, issues and concerns expressed by Navajo Veterans and their families regarding services, benefits, and representation
- I. MWCJAN08-029** Approving to recommend to the District #9 Grazing Committee Representative(s) that the Mexican Water Chapter supports and recognizes this land Withdrawal designation for the sole purpose of three (3) acres of land to be used for existing cemetery located within Mexican Water, (Navajo Nation) San Juan County, Utah
- J. MWCJAN08-030** Approve to accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Navajo Nation Signature Authorizations for chapter accounts and financial documents
- K. MWCJAN08-031** Approve to accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Bank Signature Authorization for all chapter accounts and financial documents
- L. MWCJAN08-32** Approving to request and submit grant application to NAHASDA grant Funds for planning and development of ten (10) homes to be located in Mexican Water Chapter, Utah and Arizona and to allocate 15%-25% matching towards this project
- M. MWCJAN08-33** Approve to advertise for Professional Service Contract to hire Consultant to assist with updating the chapter Strategic Plan documents and to authorize chapter officials and administrative staff to work with the Consultant

N. MWCJAN08-34 Approve to add Melissa Gray onto the list for power/water

IV. REPORTS/APPROVALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenneth Maryboy, requested the chapter community to treat our Council Delegate as being present because it's not their fault they get to their meetings late, the road condition is bad and all kinds of issues hinders their way as they travel here and there, but to acknowledge him being present here today, etc.

Also requesting of Jerry Tsosie to come and talk with the new officials, because there will be questions. He also mentions the celebration of the Bears Ears on Saturday January 7, 2016, 1.35 was approved, Bears Ears is now a Monument and for the first time the Antiquity Act was used, etc. Only the President of US has the right to undo this Monument that's has been approved. He also mention that there will be things going on here at the chapter since he will be the next chapter President

Jerry Tsosie, mention usage of the old chapter, planning to have chapter meetings there or maybe alternate the meetings between the two chapters, etc. There are a lot of issues with the Arizona community with Mexican Water Chapter, a lot of the youth do not have a home and little money comes to them too, these are some issues they face all the time.

Mary Benally, It's not just for National Monument, but there is a plan to help with the community (health, economic development, office in Bluff to oversee the Monument, Summer Camp Ground for Students to teach them, internship for students (Biology, microbiology, etc.)

Esther Reddoor, why is grazing representative not here, what's going on with him. What is happening with the distribution of hay and all that?

Tara benally, works on housing committee and CLUP members are meeting here sometimes next month or this month around the 27.

Vice-President, letter was send to Grazing Representative, to discuss, land, grazing, and to meet with permittees to discuss things/problems that are at issue, etc. Currently there is no funding to pay stipend for them to attend the chapter meetings, etc. But currently there is money being allocated back to them and David suggested that the grazing representative should attend the chapter meeting because some of the issues on the Agenda concerns him, etc. Maybe he does not come to the meeting because of the incident with him at the chapter

Jerry Tsosie, economic development, housing committee, ALERT, needs to be re-established

Kenneth Maryboy, people from department of Justice are saying that the incident was incomplete and is on hold and they are waiting on that. As for the hay, the chapter has to declare state of emergency, etc.

Motion to accept and approve Council Delegate being present due to his call, approval \$50 or \$75, all reports, and item **A, B, C** and adjourn by Cassandra Beletso, second by Felisha Begay with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Emery Beletso, it was stated that AZ people do not get help and no money for them but when chapter was certified, it was supposed to help the AZ people from the chapter with money and a company here, we should collect tax from them, we also have boundary, etc.

David John, he agrees with the statement above, need to adopt our own business site leasing act and taxation, these two has not been adjusted from the Authority from tax commission to do our own tax. We need two more public hearing and in the meantime a site was put aside for economic development, we need to start doing all this and start collecting money to go into the chapter. The only thing we can do now is ask for GRANT money to do all these issues we have such as road, also to do a referendum and have people vote on it which is 2/3 votes (75,000) on it for the money that was put aside with Peterson Zah years back.

Tara Benally, Former Zah, prepare all the roads which was a statement made by Obama, also the federal government told the chapter to find their own money because our money was going down.

David John, there are four which we did (CDBG, NAHASDA,), two others funding sources we send documents to, has to do with business under SDA, there are some funding there and some of those they want matching fund

A. Financial Reports (Attached)

1. Ratification of December 2016 Payroll of **\$11,678.36**
2. Ratification of December 2016 Chapter Officials Stipend Expenses of **\$2,787.00**
3. Ratification of December 2016 Vouchers Expenses of **\$16,990.58**
4. Ratification of December 2016 Veterans Expenses of **\$0.00**
5. Ratification of December 2016 Scholarship expense of **\$0.00**
6. Budget Transfer/ Modifications to cover expenses incurred December 2016

B. Approvals, add Lydell Tsosie for funeral expense (\$50 or \$75)

C. Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)

1. Council Delegate, Davis Filfred,

2. Grazing Committee Representative, Curtis D. Yanito, no show

3. SJC Dine Advisory Committee, Jerrica Maryboy, no show

4. UNHS, INC Health Board, Cassandra Beletso

The new clinic is being worked on currently, bought a new land around the store for a Hogan and others for Behavioral Health.

Emergency service in Blanding on weekend, within 72 hours report it back to Montezuma Creek so Contract Health will pay for it. Read letters from UNHS and understand it, it could be a bill from the clinic, if you don't read the letter, they will bill you or collection, so read all letters you receive, etc.

5. Chapter Officials, no reports

V. MEETING ADJOURNMENT by Jerry Tsosie at 12:55 p.m.

Posted by: **Mary Ann Woody**

Date posted: **1-8-2017**

Time Posted: **12:55 p.m.**