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Notice is hereby given to the general public that the Council of Mexican Water Chapter Government will convene a ^{chapter} planning meeting open to the public on January 10, 2016 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 Highway 191 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.

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I. REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

- A. Call to Order by Jerry Tsosie @ 10:45 a.m.
- B. Invocation by Davis Filfred, Council Delegate
- C. Roll Call by secretary/treasurer for the record
- D. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of December 06, 2015
Motion for approval of previous minutes to be deferred to next meeting by Mary R. Benally, second by Malinda Blackhorse with a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstention and motion carried due to visitors from office of Navajo Nation President, Oljato Chapters, and others who would like to make their report regarding Bears Ears.
- E. Approval of Agenda
Motion for approval of agenda by Malinda Blackhorse, second by Mary R. Benally with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstained and motion carried
Chapter Vice-President – thanked all the visiting officials and from office of the Navajo Nation President and others, etc. Also regarding Bears Ears as old business to go under old business requesting of motion party **Secretary** requesting for addition of resolution **MWCJAN10-055** requesting of the motion party

II. Old Business –

Chapter President allowed the people here to report regarding Bears Ears.

Kenneth Maryboy – introduced the people here to make report on Bears Ears, It's been brought to the chapter a few times, etc. Dine Bikeyah board members: Gavin Noyes CEO, Kenneth Maryboy, Mark Maryboy, Jonah Yellowman, Albert Holiday, 2 Utes from White Mesa, and Mary R. Benally.

This issue has become very strong and is going forward, there was a meeting within Shush Jaa' during this past summer, there this issue became Bears Ears Coalition. At this meeting several different tribes Zuni, Hopi, other tribes and selected certain people to become board members, this issue became Tribal Coalition and moved forward.

Different tribes will continue to discuss this issue continuously.

Proposal to President Obama for the Bears Ears National Monument (**Overview attach**).

Eric Descheenie a Navajo was selected and another one is Kiis'aanii. Under these two guys are some more members selected by Navajo Nation President/Vice President, they are Peterson Zah and attorney Charles Wilkinson. Council Delegates are in support of this issue.

Peterson Zah: moved back from Phoenix, was employed there for almost 20 years, and currently resides in Window Rock. From what he understands of the Bears Ears he will make a short statement of it. He is in support of the area being at issue, also support from the Nooda'i Dine'i' and other tribes.

Utah Governor, Congress and Senators, to support us and been hoping they would and been informing them of the meeting but have not heard from them yet. It's been about 5-6 months now and no interest from them. We want this land to be ours and there are things of the earth within the mountain such as herbs, plants, colored sand and sacred animals. This is what we have been telling them but no word from them. Because of not supporting from them, we will stop trying to but go with President Obama, has about 12 months left to serve in the office. The last 6 months he

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awards those issues coming in to him and signs it. They will give the plan of this issue to President Obama and have him sign it. Inform those people who did not hear about it at this meeting and let them know, etc. Their plan is to go to Whitehouse and present this to the President, etc. Because Zah is well known and how important he is and that is the reason why they choose him to be a part of this. There will be prayers and ceremony to travel to the place, this is how it should be done and we are hoping that Obama will sign it with this, etc. Navajo Nation President and Vice-President are okay with this issue and are in support of it and are encouraging them to go forward with it and they allowed us to support and go out to chapter meetings and talk about it.

Eric Descheenie – From Chinle and serves as executive staff assistant to NN President/Vice President and co-chairs Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition, which consist of Navajo Nation, Hopi, Ute Mountain Ute, Uintah Urey Ute, Zuni are one who form Bears Ears intertribal coalition. Utah leadership, chapter leadership, community leadership, traditional leaders, elected leaders in this area going back 6 years have been trying to work with Utah Public Lands initiative Leadership to congressional movement for 6 years to resolve some of Utah's Rule Issues, Public Lands issues expands through many of the counties in Utah.

Congressmen Bishop and Shaves at congressional level spent a lot of time giving authority to some of the counties to help sort through the issues and proposed solution. The people have participated in the process, Kenneth Maryboy, Mark Maryboy, Albert Holiday, Jonah Yellowman and many others. Many miles and several hundred hours, sitting down with our elderly people who interface and relate to Bears Ears region, the landscape, the whole land. They have captured in **1.9M acres** how our people utilize the land related to traditional ceremonies, traditional herb gathering, wood harvesting, and hunting all of these things have been captured by our local leadership. Right now that voice is a nonprofit group of Utah Dine Bikeyah.

Utah Dine Bikeway is all Navajo Board and Ute representation as well, they have been trying to initiate truth solutions to participate in public lands initiative but did not go anywhere. There is extensive list of examples of how our people's voice was not heard and it's all captured in the proposal, 60 plus pages that this Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition has compiled, and taken the ideas coming from here and made it bigger and better. The issues that were most concerns are how our people back from our ancestors all the way up to today, how do we have access to certain places, hunting recreation and all those things and how our people use these lands. Off reservation to non-reservation, they taken those and produce a proposal from July to October 15, 2015 that built on everything that the Navajo people have worked on over the last six years. It's not just five tribes, it's over 20 tribes that support what they are trying to do but really it's over 500 tribes that support, National Congress of American Indian supported our effort so it's Nation Wide who are behind what they are trying to do. There are so many other organizations and all of this vision started from here, grass roots level, people's movement, your ideas and right now President Obama knows about it, he is aware of it and been talking to some folks about it and are knowledgeable about it.

What they're here about is the Mexican Water chapter has back in November 2014 supported this initiative and they owe us an update what has been happening and what they going to do going forward.

President Obama has one more year in office and they have an opportunity to take your ideas and ultimately turn this into US Presidential Proclamation that will name the "Bears Ears National Monument". Most important is that our people can utilize these lands as best as possible consistent with how our ancestors have use these lands, consistent with how we use these lands now.

They have been getting a lot of questions about how are they going to be able to gather woods, gather herbs and hunt? The answer is that's what they are trying to protect. Better than how it is today.

The other part of it is Gray Robin, our ancestral land is being destroyed, not just in Bears Ears, and it is in other areas. Specifically 1.9M acres they showed a map of the area where people interacted with one another, which was produced by Dine Bikeyah. They have in talking with all community people, how they interacted with this place, ceremonial, gathering herbs, burial, hunting, and certain places on the map where they are located. President Obama has this particular map.

They gave the proposal to the President on October 15, over three months ago and said to give another chance to congressmen and taking our proposal and putting into their initiative, so for two months they worked very hard talking about their ideas. They met in Towaco, Colorado on October 29 with Congressmen Bishop, Shaves and Senator Lee, send three of their key staff to sit down with our Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition Leadership from 9:00 to 3:00, but they did not talk about the substance or ideas but no response from them. One thing they got out of this meeting was a guaranteed that they would show them a draft within two weeks but never saw that. Then they traveled to Washington

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D. C. and met with the same people and shared the ideas with them on November 30, nothing again. In that meeting Chief of staff of Congress Shaves guaranteed to send us a draft by December 30 but never got a copy. They ask for a meeting by December 13 to meet with someone but no one came. On December 30 they met with Ute in Colorado, the tribal leaders stated that they have been getting the same behaviors from them for over six years, etc.

Two weeks ago all four of the tribe decided not to deal with Congressmen but go directly to President Obama. Currently on January 7, 2016 started discussion with the Whitehouse, US dept. of Interior, and US dept. of Agriculture. These three agencies right now have administrative authority over these lands –referring to the map, green area, bureau of land management, forest service land, national parks monument is white area. These are the federal agencies they are working with.

Part of the proposal is two things: they are asking the federal government to do something they never done before, true collaborative management, Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition proposal is, is asking/expecting the federal government to join us with equal distribution of authority over these lands both in policies and administration, the way this would happen is with Bears Ears Commission, a federal commission that would have eight individuals, five tribes and all with one voice and the other three would be US Parks Services, US Forest Services, and Bureau of Land Management, that would be eight member commission and that commission would hire/fire its own Bears Ears National Monument manger. The second part is this manager would be given the authority to build a new federal office, a new federal entity. They are looking at new jobs for the Navajo people who qualify in managing these lands. They hopefully will have a federal office in Bluff, Utah where they can hire local Navajos to help manage these lands. This eight member commission will have an over-see of this office to manage these lands. It will be the first time that the federal government through their leadership and our leadership would go all the way to President Obama and inspire him to begin to create this that has never been created before.

Further there is a part in the proposal is calling for a new Institute in taking western science, western thinking, archeology, the hard scientist, the way we use these land agriculture of today and match this up with traditional knowledge. Our traditional Indigenous ways that will work with modern science and be a place where we can make them both work. Think about these lands consistent with our traditional ways and as well as modern ways. The concern that we have is there are a lot of questions being asked by people regarding all the hunting, gathering fire woods, all of these things, this is not true.

Honorable Peterson Zah interprets this in Navajo Language.

Charles Wilkinson – A few years ago people up in this area Utah did not have high school. Zah and he went into State of Utah, were young guys at the time. State of Utah did not want to build Schools on Navajo Land. Zah was an interpreter for him and the people who lack English language. Attorney was the attorney then and due to this Whitehorse High School, Monument Valley High School and Navajo Mountain High School were built, this became because of the work he did. They use the same things with New Mexico and all these are state court ordered. Charles thanked the Council and those he worked with in the previous years and attending people here today. Just thank Mr. Zah for introducing him as he did and very appreciative that and he would not have said it better than how he presented him to the people. Utah Dine Bikeyah and the effort needed to be brought out by the tribes. Now they have the coalition but Utah Dine Bikeyah holds a special place and needs to be brought out by the tribes. It's not true that Bears Ears will end; the way this is set up all of those things can be considerably improved. BLM out of Monticello has been managing these lands. It will grow by enhancing the kinds of activities there and continue the discussing.

Mark Maryboy – This has never happen before and is the first time and this is a very controversial issue it's about White people and American Indians. This concerns all of us and is very important issues and thinks about it and remember it. We Native Americans Indians were here first on this land, 130 years ago the Anglo people move here. These people move onto this land and were very hungry and had to kill rabbits for them to eat. So the Navajos saw the Mormon came here. They say that there was nobody on this land and only crows which is not true. US Senator was talking about the land who was discussing the land and Senator Bennett was kind and nice and wanting to know how the Navajos were not using the land, it was mainly just the Anglo. Over 80 people in Utah side were questioned at the time and base on that the map came out and there was a book developed with pictures and wording of the people. "Dine Bikeyah" booklet. The booklet consists of people with knowledge and good leaders. Zah is in the book. They had deep knowledge of the land. So the Mormon kicked out Senator Bennett and replace by Mike Lee who was against Navajos. Congress Bishop and Shaves says that county commissioner will be the one

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overseeing this which was five years. They had meetings many times, and then Congress Phil Lyman was saying that the Navajos had lost the land regarding Bears Ears. Willie Greyeyes told him to go back across the sea and heard that they lost too many times too. During this they decided to organize themselves and Boards were selected Albert Holiday, Jonah Yellowman, Mary Benally, Kenneth Maryboy, Dorothy Redhorse, and Mary Jean Yazzie-Ute tribe. This county commissioner Lyman was coming along with us and watching us. He decided to go through Anaa'za'i and went through and got sue by federal court, some Navajo people went along with him. Went to court and pay back \$100,000.00 and go to jail but only serve 10 days.

The board went out to different tribes and went to Window Rock to talk with Navajo Nation President, Ute, Zuni, Hopi, etc. Even with the surveying of the County and Dine Bikeyah won the survey. Because of the treaty tribe they have the way to the mountain and they had a dinner there which became an issue but to no avail. Dine Bikeyah changed to Bears Ears now. As Ground Zero (Utah Dine Bikeyah), they are working on it, if Obama signs, they will have dinner or celebration, events, horse riding, it will be forthcoming, etc. We might even invite Chief Manuelito's children/grandchildren which are in the plan too.

T-shirts for the officials at Mexican Water Chapter, wear this t-shirt when Obama comes to visit. Leonard Lee, Albert Holiday and Gavin Noyes are the guys with the brain, appreciate their knowledge. Evangeline Grey is representing West Water here too.

Questions:

HDescheenie – Utes from Colorado are requesting all these people to present there, who also lost their land.

CYanito – appreciates listening to the reports of the people, regarding the sacred issues. The only thing that's left out is the River which is out of the issue, why? Water is always the issue first in anything and is considered to be our body-our tsii. River "Male River", San Juan River "Female River" these two rivers are holding this land, water from the mountain is "lii sila", and reservoir in Blanding belongs to us too. There are about 8,000 voters in Utah now. The water issue should be address in the proposal. Requests for a legal opinion

Response by Eric Descheenie and Charles Wilkinson – Utah Water settlement is very much outline because it happening concurrently with the Bears Ears Initiative. Grazing, the Utah Utes grazing permit goes into 1.9M acres and they owe those tribal permits holders a visit is not different from this one. Part of the reason for discussion is timely as they begin to have this substantive discussion how this is going to impact water rights, grazing and how we utilize these lands, when we sit down with BLM, Parks Services, and Forest Services all these will come up. The question will be endless. He needs to sit down with Attorney General who are very knowledgeable about how their effort and his work is unfolding at the same time and been advise by his leadership so that it does not compromise the people's rights for water. They are very mindful of Utah Water Settlement. Charles responded with issue with water rights is not included because of the Antiquities Act but the important point is they will get back to the people and see what direction they are going.

Dorothy Redhorse – related to these questions they have always included Biological and Natural Resources, because they are part of the element. The Biological resources and Physical resources related to cultural issue, the beliefs that ties to it.

Kenneth Maryboy – thanks all the people and for allowing all these people to make their report here today, there are a lot of issues we need to discuss, we are depending on our prayers and those people of the nature who have gone beyond, etc. They are heading to Teec Nos Pos to present there again. Will be meeting in Vernal, Utah on January 15, 2016, and will be traveling to Washington D. C. which is forthcoming.

Chapter Vice-President – still concern about the Navajo Nation/Vice-President's office not coming out during our Christmas Dinner but will come out February 7, 2016 and give that update to Peterson Zah to take back to the NN President's Office.

Zah responded with that there are a lot of schedules for the President out in Western Agency at the time and will inform the President/Vice-President to come out during February 7, 2016.

Motion to approve and accept all reports made above by Darlene Yazzie, second by Harry Descheenie with a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained and motion carried.

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Council Delegate bi report/schedule:

- 1) February 15, 2016 Monday mandatory meeting at Sweetwater, inviting all officials regarding the Title 26 redistricting of the chapters, etc. Mike Halona will be reporting there too. Grazing officials will be the issue too and Leo Watchman will be presenting there and several other leaders. The task force with the redistricting will all be there.
- 2) Public Safety over site, resolutions were submitted regarding San Juan County, is this really going to happen?
- 3) There was a resolution that was approved regarding water settlement- papers are in State of Utah, all seven chapters submitted their resolutions and public hearing were done, based on this it became legislation 412. Resource and Development Committee had their meeting in Lube, Arizona, regarding this and none of the members went against and he gave the paper to the officials. Be at Nabikiyati meeting and support this. Those Activists who do not have anything to do are welcome to be there. This is going to State of Utah and then onto Federal
- 4) January 14, 2016 Nabiki'yati will have their meeting and January 21, 2016
- 5) January 22, 2016 Nabiki'yati water session in Arizona, Little Colorado river, council being requested
- 6) NN Oil/Gas from December 31, 2015, 6.25M pay back but no money and share-holders did discuss it and requested for extension but some of the Board members were expired and one was a federal employee which is a no-no by the charter. Council might loan the money if so the money will come from land acquisition fund-cannot borrow or it has to be purchase, so the Council might buy running horse pipeline so it will belong to NN, when NN brings in money then it will be sold back to running horse pipeline. This was the discussion and is lengthy. There are 24 papers that came in for board members, 10 with packages incomplete and 14 are mostly Anglos. Charter says it will be mostly Navajo. Nomination board will meet on January 16, 2016. Then Shareholders will confirm it and if it goes through then the money will be forthcoming-January 29, 2016 is the deadline
- 7) Sacred Site – San Francis Peak “Doo’ko’oos’liid, sewer water made into snow, law sued was lost. Talking about suing again, from human rights dept. Leonard Gorman came and approached them and they okay it and Gorman said ABNDN, Medicine Man Association, and Hataalie Association will sue. If they lose for whatever reason they will ask the Council's attorney to pay for them, these three are nonprofit organization, so they will sue through University of Arizona, will keep us inform on this issue
- 8) Kayenta Council Delegate reported that France – Dzil Ki' hataal – Yeibicheii outfit sold to France, brand new that was brought back and they want to know who sold it? They want to request for the law/policy, the person brought it back and just around that time it started snowing/rain, discussing to have a ceremony for it.
- 9) Siilhasin – winter session will be reporting – money will be use for water issue, IHS, NTUA, council are against it and why water is an issue, they want homes.
- 10) Eastern Checkerboard – a lot of lands different, every 10 years they renew it, it expired in 2014. BIA says Land Conservation was not written and will expire if nothing is done. Council approve and extended for mid-summer and Land Conservation is working on it for land users and those who pay, one of the council says that all should pay for the land. Some people are saying they have grazing permit, etc. He is against this idea. Will meet in March to June, it should be done by then
- 11) Wednesday, January 13, 2016, NUC meeting here at MW and Andrew Stephenson who lobby for us in Salt Lake City will be here, another lobbyist
Motion to accept Council Delegate's report by Cassandra Beletso, second by Darlene Yazzie with a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried

CBeletso stated that she would like to see the Council Delegate sit through the whole chapter meeting and a lot of concern issues that are brought out. Talk to the other chapters to see if they can change their schedule accordingly so that he can attend all five chapters

MBlackhorse – help us out regarding Utah issues regarding Bluff Elementary School and Senate Bill 33, have been asking him to help. NUC tried to call him several times for input, he is the Navajo leader, this will come before you later, and Utah people need his help

CYanito – How much water is there in San Juan River? RDC does not know regarding water. How much water is coming to Navajo (81,500) and Bilagaana? There should be at least 9000 voters in Utah now. Eastern area is target towards oil/gas. Conservation plan should be accepted. All Veterans throughout US should complain about this San Francisco Peak and we offer sacred stones to the Mountain.

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Las Vegas is asking \$10,000 acre feet

Albuquerque - \$30,000 acre feet

Denver - \$50,000 acre feet

Chapter President – NUC meeting might cancel due to many officials attending rural addressing in Twin Arrows. It is the chapter officials who are the ones who schedule the chapter meeting; it's not the Council's fault

CBeletso. – Speaking on behalf of the elders who are not here, we vote for all the leaders so that they sit here with us throughout the meetings. The leaders all get mileage and stipends, etc. We listen and looking for new information and what's happening out there.

Council Delegate – he does not do the scheduling of the chapter meetings. Cannot be at two places at one time, sometimes he calls in for the meeting which is okay. The chapter meeting is not for him, it's for the community. Regarding Senate Bill 33 is Jonathan Hail took it and Bluff Elementary has their own over site for education; don't have to be a Utah resident. He will co-sponsor sometimes in the future. Task Force is in Arizona as Chair, there are three from the State of Utah, and he does a lot too with this issue. Malinda is on expired term. There was Public Hearing here, but he was not here at times and all reports were made and bilaganna is not getting anything as far as water. Some Anglos pay for irrigation ditch, we don't. Who's doing the waterline to Albuquerque and Denver? does not know about it. He will try to help with the Veterans and be thinking about it. NN attorney is working on this issue and there is a complaint. Eastern Land, corporation doing paper work, doesn't know who he's talking about. We are trying to help these people to keep their land. Range land act talk to department of Agriculture, ask question at Sweetwater.

III. New Business/Action items

- A. **MWCJAN10-045** Approve to accept the FY 2015 Revenue Collection for FY 2016 Navajo Nation Chapter Sales Tax Funding of \$46,175.00 and its budget
Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso, second Trudy L. Cedarrain, with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
Cassandra – where/how is it going to be used? Response is not been budget yet.
- B. **MWCJAN10-046** 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 in the amount of \$14,950.00
Motion for approval by Trudy L. Cedarrain, second by Yolanda Benally with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried *no comment from the community*
- C. **MWCJAN10-047** Supporting and approving to request Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to provide a cost estimate on the preliminary clearances cost for URD to serve the fifty (50) acre development
Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso, second by Emery Beletso with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
*Cassandra wanted to know what URD (Urban Development) was and did not understand what this was for so David elaborated on these items C, D, E & F.
Chapter President stated that C, D, E, F has been discuss before but did not receive the money for in 2015 so it's back on the agenda requesting for more funding.
David – there is no fire extinguisher, there will be schools, more building, etc. All these need bigger power. Currently we just have such as a residential power lines. Agreement between Polling Place due to the damage of the road to the old chapter will have it here at the new chapter*
- D. **MWCJAN10-048** Approving to request the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, Budget & Finance Committee, NÁBIK' IYÁTI' Committee, Division of Community Development, Community Housing & Infrastructure Development/Housing & Urban Development and Community Development Block Grant to allocate FY 2016 funding for the construction of a new three-phase power line extension to the 50 acre development site.
Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso for item D, E, F, second by Trudy L. Cedarrain with a vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
- E. **MWCJAN10-049** Approve to support and recommend approval for permit and right-of-way for Mexican Water Chapter to place, operate and maintain a mobile telecom skids and telecommunications repeater tower and

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associated hot spot to be powered by solar panels within the vicinity of Mexican Water Chapter, San Juan County, Utah and Apache County, Arizona

Hskow – skids is right on top of the ground, not permanently in the ground, don't really need right-of-way. He has built one for Red Mesa and Whiterock, NM. Just go to BIA and they sign it right there, it took him 3 days to get.

Curtis – For grazing please notice these things, anytime there is a resolution, if you give up a land your permit number is going down. Say you want free service, this is call eminent domain.

- F. **MWCJAN10-050** Approve to accept the Apache County Polling Place Agreement for Calendar Year 2016
- G. **MWCJAN10-051** Approve to recommend, advertise and select a potential vendor to assist with appraisal of construction heavy equipments for public auction/selling
Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso, second by Trudy L. Cedarrain with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
Vice-President stated that there are equipment within the chapter and people do have equipment and would like to do a professional appraisal so we can sell them
- H. **MWCJAN10-052** Approve to recommend, advertise and select a potential vendor to assist with conducting the legal survey, center line identification, archaeological clearance, biological evaluation, environmental assessment and acquiring right of way acquisition for fifty-one (51) miles of BIA roads, San Juan County, Utah and Apache County, Arizona roads within Mexican Water Chapter to complete the preliminary clearances need for road improvement
Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso, second by Harry W. Tsosie with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried, this is needed for the community stated by David, no comment from the community
- I. **MWCJAN10-053** Approving to support the San Juan County, Utah School District Redistricting Plan
Motion for approval by Yolanda Benally, second by Harry W. Tsosie with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
David stated that parents are having a meeting at the chapter regarding this issue on January 15, 2016.
Jerry – during our meeting with NUC this was presented to us to make a report on it at the chapter meeting
Malinda – elaborated on the resolution above, Met with Human Rights Commission in Window Rock, there was there was a law sued and Navajo Nation already has a map-revised but San Juan County has not come up with one yet and the dead line is the end of this month, January 28, 2016 to have a new map. They're supposed to come together and come up with one map to present to the attorney. Within the law sue it is stated that there should be three Native American school board members.
Jerry – map was supposed to be copied and be given to the community but don't know what happen
- J. **MWCJAN10-054** Supporting to Oppose amending of Title 26, LGA redistricting of 110 chapters
Motion for approval by Emery Beletso, second by Darlene Yazzie with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
David – chapter to be regionalize to 24, this is a waste of time and money, where is the plan and who is the council who is doing this? (Leonard Tsosie). A lot of the chapters do not like this idea. Navajo Government gave this to the Council, trying to make them the bad guys. If this does happens, which chapter are we going to go with?
Jerry – right after Agency Meeting there was a meeting at Shiprock Chapter regarding this issue, it was too cold inside the chapter. It is really up to the community people, we have a new chapter and what's going to happen, turn it into a community center? A lot of chapters are against this idea and the turnout at Shiprock Chapter was low, there will be another meeting sometimes in the future.
MBlackhorse – was this ever brought to the chapter from Navajo Nation? There are always a Pros and Cons in a plan.
Response by David – During the reapportion, the law states that there has to be 1000 resident per one delegate but since then it became 24 and at that time they never said reducing the chapter to 24. What happened with the council is what they are planning again; a lot of money is going to go to waste.

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- K. **MWCJAN10-055** Approving to request for FY 2016 supplemental funding of **2M** for emergency funding for 110 chapters

Motion for approval by Malinda Blackhorse, second by Emery Beletso with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried

David – it snowed, rained, muddy, and road damage, we have given out coal and still working to get woods, we always do this during this time of season

Cassandra – has all the assessments been made?

Response was yes, this is always on file and knows who needs help and there is priority list in place within the chapter

Davis Filfred – chill still coming in and some chapters had declared emergency don't know about Mexican Water chapter.

Chapter President – got coal already and still need to get some woods, also ALERT has not met yet or re-organize themselves yet, based on this emergency is declared, currently the officials will take over and be the ALERT team to take action. It is too muddy in the mountain so we might have to go with people who are selling woods.

David – Out of the 2M it will be about \$18,181.00 per chapter to haul woods and coal.

IV. Reports/Announcements

February 7, 2016 Office of Navajo Nation President here

Motion by Cassandra Beletso, second by Darlene Yazzie with a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried for item financial reports 1) to 6) and item 2) Maxine Begay

1) Financial Reports (Attached)

1. Ratification of December 2015 Payroll Expenses of **\$12,999.63**
2. Ratification of December 2015 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,450.00**
3. Ratification of December 2015 Chapter Veteran Organization Expenses of **\$.00**
4. Ratification of December 2015 Scholarship Expenses of **\$.00**
5. Ratification of December 2015 Vouchers Expenses of **\$27,591.36**
6. Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred December 2015

2) Archeological clearance for Maxine Begay

3) Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)

1. Council Delegate, Davis Filfred
2. Utah Education Commission, Melinda Blackhorse
 - working with Native children under grade level for Utah Schools but it across the states
 - 2 to 5 years pilot program and requesting for money **2M**, recruiting for teachers who will stay longer at the school.
 - Build Administrative support, develop/enhance curriculum, and work with tribal government, parent/community involvement, state wide awareness of native children and sovereignty
 - Visit all the seven chapters and there is a plan that came out written in black/white to support because Native is the biggest tribe with the help of Jonathan Hail
 - When she selected, all her visitation to local chapters is own her own, she uses her own money to travel too. What she is doing does not stop, although her being selected has expired because of her grandkids
 - They are being ignored as far as Utah committees, such as their plan was to compact the ground where the school building is being built and there is sacredness within the ground, so she went to NN where it is still the same, don't really listen to us
 - The sewer system is pretty bad within the current Bluff Elementary 130 children there and 97% Navajo.
 - Medicine Man Association and then met with Sacred site Committee and was referred to historic preservation
 - State of Utah is not letting go of some of the documents
 - Human Rights Commission might get involve too and Utah Indian Leaders.
 - Build the school here at Mexican Water which will be a part of discussion at MW chapter parent meeting
 - It is important to her and she has kids and grandkids that will go to school there and build a good foundation for them
3. Grazing Committee Representative, Curtis D. Yanito – no report,
4. UNHS, INC Health Board, Cassandra Beletso
 - Mussi dental with new doctor who is located in Blanding Dr. McDonald specialized for small children; Mussi will make referral to go to Blanding dental. When you make appointment go in the next day and finish the dental. IHS just pulls their teeth, no time to care more. They're still there and still in the planning stages. Purchase a land in Blanding for a new building which will be built.

(Council of Mexican Water Chapter Government)

5. Chapter Officials - none

Motion to approve all reports by Yolanda Benally, second by Cassandra Beletso with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

V. **Meeting Adjournment** by Jerry Tsosie

Motion to adjourn by Cassandra Beletso, second by Richard Yanito with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried @ 3:07 p.m.

Next chapter planning meeting is February 3, 2016 at 3:00 and Chapter Meeting is February 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with Navajo Nation President's Office with maybe a potluck or something.

Posted by: Mary Ann Woody

Date Posted: 01/10/2016

Time Posted: 3:07 p.m.