

**Mexican Water Chapter House
Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025
Virtual Hybrid Meeting**

I. CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Chapter Meeting was called to order by President Martha Saggboy at 4:12 PM. Roll call was taken by Cassandra Beletso Secretary Treasurer with the following Chapter Officials present - Martha Saggboy Chapter President, Clifford Sagg Vice-President, Cassandra Beletso Secretary/Treasurer, Daylene Redhorse Grazing Representative with 17 registered votes and 0 online callers which constitutes a quorum. The quorum consists of only Mexican Water Chapter Registered Voters only.

B. Invocation - Done by Eirene Hamilton

C. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes

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Marlin Saggboy MOTIONED to approve the Regular Chapter meeting minutes for June 08, 2025, seconded by Meredith Benally. Clifford Sagg requested changes to be made under New Business Resolutions items E & J, to indicate Chapter President not voting.

Votes 16/00/01 Chapter President not voting.

D. Approval of current Regular Chapter Meeting Agenda for July 21, 2025

Marlin Saggboy MOTIONED, seconded by Maryann Woody. Marlin Saggboy asked about his request on his concern discussion item on Feral horses, and Chapter President Martha stated that Dalene Redhorse Grazing Representative should be able answer his question during Dalene's reports. Then requested to change Planning to Chapter on section 1 heading. Laverne Dennison with USU submitted a written requested to be added to reports. Chapter President Martha Saggboy granted that request. Clifford Sagg Chapter Vice-President requested correction on Line 20 for CLUP&Z Meeting time and date to July 23, 2025 at 1:30 pm.

Vote of 17/00/02. Chapter President not voting.

II. Old Business /Action Items - None

III. New Business/Action items:

A. MWCJUL25-099 A Resolution approving the Mexican Water Chapter's Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025 for the month ending June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$722,348.49, in accordance with the Mexican Water Chapter Fiscal Management Policy within their Five

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Management System (FMS) policy and procedures manual. [FY25 FinReport 250531 MWCJUN25-077.pdf](#)

B. MWCJUL25-100 A Resolution approving, acknowledging, and accepting the collection of cash in the amount of Forty dollars and Three cents (\$40.03) (\$37.75 in revenues and \$2.28 in Navajo Nation Sales Tax at 6%) generated from service charges, and to submit a revenue budget of \$37.75 for chapters activities fund under the general funds category.

C. MWCJUL25-101 Approve to Transfer a total of \$2,484.00 from Fund PEP (115), GL Account Salaries & Wages Temporary (5010) from Network Weaver Position to SYE Supervisor position for the SYE summer program for FY 2025.

Meredith Benally MOTIONED to approve Resolutions A-C seconded by Tara Benally. Martha Saggboy, President, explained each item and asked if there were any questions from community members. No questions asked.

The final vote for the section was 18/00/00 with the Chapter President not voting.

D. MWCJUL25-102 Approve to Transfer a total \$ from a variety of funds as stated below to cover for expenses or to close out the GL account due to no further transaction for the year.

1. From Fund Personnel (101), GL Unemployment (5060) in the amount of \$25.61 to GL Service Insurance (5606) to cover for expenses.
2. From Fund Claims Fund (103), GL Service Insurance (5606) in the amount of \$1.66 to GL Utilities Telephone (5300) to close out GL 5606.
3. From Fund LGA (110), GL Service Maintenance/Agreement (5605) in the amount of \$.01 to GL Service Insurance (5606) to cover for expenses.
4. From fund LGA (110), GL Travel Mileage (5101) in the amount of \$3569.76 from CLUPZ Mileage to Chapter Manager Mileage at \$1947.00 and Chapter Official Mileage at \$1,622.76 for upcoming travels.
5. From fund LGA (110), GL Travel Meals (5102) in the amount of \$400 from CLUPZ Meal to Chapter Manager Meal for upcoming travels.
6. From fund LGA (110), GL Service Registration/Training for CLUPZ (5607) in the amount of \$3,388.00 to GL Travel Lodging for Chapter Manager at \$2888.00 and Chapter Official at \$500 for upcoming travels.
7. From Fund COS (112), GL Service Insurance (5606) in the amount of \$2.16 to GL Workers Compensation (5065) to close out GL 5606.
8. From Fund PE (115), GL Service Insurance (5606) in the amount of \$12.43 to GL Federal Taxes (5050) to close out GL 5605.

Tara Benally MOTIONED to approve Resolutions D seconded by Marlin Saggboy. Meredith Benally CLUP&Z President questioned "WhyCLUP&Z was not notified of the budget transfer." Martha Saggboy, President, explained that these funds were carryover funds. Meredith Benally inquired about what training is available to CLUP&Z members. Martha Saggboy, President, explained that the ASC Office with Kayenta was uncooperative, but the individual we were working with is no longer there.

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E. **MWCJUL25-103** Approve to request the Resources and Development Committee (RDC), the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC), the Naa Bik'i Yati'i' Committee, and the 25th Navajo Nation Council to allocate additional funds for Capital Improvement and Equipment budget shortfall for FY 2026 in the amount of \$832,041.00.

F. **MWCJUL25-104** Approve to request the Resources and Development Committee (RDC), the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC), the Naa Bik'i Yati'i' Committee, and the 25th Navajo Nation Council to allocate additional funds for Chapter Operation budget shortfall for FY 2026 in the amount of \$77,400.

G. **MWCJUL25-105** Approve to request the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the allocation of Gaming Revenue to the 110 Navajo Chapters; Reaffirming Equal Distribution; Amending the use of the fund to support local government operations, governance activities and chapter-managed programs; and authorizing direct deposit or system access to initiate and process approved disbursements.

H. **MWCJUL25-106** Raising serious concerns about the actions of Administrative Service Center (ASC), Capital Project Management Department (CPMD), and the Division of Community Development (DCD) in their work with local chapter governments, and calling for genuine respect, meaningful support, and the safeguarding of chapter authority in local matters

I. **MWCJUL25-107** Approve the request of the Utah Dineh Advisory Committee (UDAC) and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund Board of Trustee (UNTF BoT) to assist Melvin Redhorse/Jenelia Benally with **24x40 house \$115 = \$110,400 (\$60,400 more would be needed from UNTF for labor funds)**, from the chapter funding allocation. He was approved and given building supplies through the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) 5 years ago. The chapter officials gave a directive to research the prior resolution and find out the amount of funds approved as an amendment. UDAC & UNTF BoT has assisted them with paying the cost for legal boundary survey, archaeological clearance and the biological evaluation using UNTF funds for the new home site lease.

J. **MWCJUL25-108** Approve to request authorization to use the Agriculture Infrastructure funding (AIF) in the amount of \$7,832.08 due to the drought conditions using the recent Emergency Declaration issued by the Navajo Nation that the chapter had acknowledged.

Meredith Benally MOTIONED to approve resolutions from item E to J, seconded by Carmelita Sagg.

The final vote for the section was 18/00/02 with the Chapter President not voting.

Martha Saggboy explained each item to the community members; she included on item G Northern Edge and Fire Rock Casino are the only casinos making money; therefore, Twin Arrows Casinos is not making any money due to a loan. Item H Martha Saggboy,

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President explained that the Navajo Nation was not paying their allocation on time, for instance they were supposed to pay Chapter in March, but they paid out until June. Item I Martha Saggboy, President explained due to changes with Navajo Utah Trust Fund Mr. Redhorse was approved for \$60,400 for labor. Under Item J Martha Saggboy, President explained insurance proceeds for Farmers/livestock owners. As a farmer, a picture of your farm can be submitted for financial assistance.

IV. Reports/Approvals/Announcements

A. Financial Reports/Approvals

1. Ratification of June 2025 Payroll Expenses of **\$12,544.80**
2. Ratification of June 2025 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,450.00**
3. Ratification of June 2025 Chapter Financial Scholarship Assistance Expenses of **\$0.00**
4. Ratification of June 2025 Chapter Veterans Expenses **\$0.00**
5. Ratification of June 2025 Vouchers Expenses of **\$3,440.54**
6. Budget Transfer/Modifications to cover expenses incurred June 2025 **\$ 25.62**

B. Approvals:

C. Announcements:

1. 07.04.25 Independence Day - Chapter Office Closed
2. 07.07.25 District #9 Grazing Committee Representative Meeting @ Red Mesa Chapter - 9 AM - 2 PM
3. 07.08.25 Mexican Water Grazing Permittee Meeting 9:00 AM
4. 07.08.25 Navajo Utah Commission Mtg at Aneth Chapter - 10 AM
5. 07.08.25 Veteran's Committee Meeting - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
6. 07.08.25 RMUSD Governing Board Meeting @ 6:00 PM
7. 07.09.25 Mexican Water Chapter Planning Meeting - 4:00 PM
8. 07.10.25 Shiprock Agency Grazing Committee Representative Mtg at Teec Nos Pos Chapter at 9AM
9. 07.10.25 UNHS Mobile Clinic @ Mexican Water Chapter - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
10. 07.10.25 Brownfields 101 Workshop at Shonto Chapter House from 10AM to 3PM (Hybrid Meeting)
11. 07.10.25 Ribbon-cutting ceremony for N35 (8) ribbon cutting ceremony for 1, 2, and 4 at Toh Likon at 10 AM
12. 07.11.25 Northern Agency Veteran's Meeting at Mexican Water Chapter @ 9:00 AM
13. 07.14.25 RMUSD Governing Board Special Meeting at Red Mesa School at 6:00 PM
14. 07.15.25 Mtg w/Stewardship Utah at Utah Dineh Professional Plaza on "Community Change Grant" at 3:00 PM
15. 07.16.25 Navajo Nation Government Development Public Hearing at Chinle at 9:00 PM
16. 07.16.25 UNHS Board of Directors Mtg - Montezuma Creek, UT @ 5:30 PM
17. 07.17.25 Health Fair at 1PM/"Just Move It" Event at Mexican Water Chapter @ 5:00 PM
18. 07.21.25 Mexican Water Regular Chapter Meeting - 4:00 PM
19. 07.21.25 Navajo Nation Council "Summer Session" in Window Rock, AZ
20. 07.23.25 Mexican Water Chapter CLUP&ZC Meeting - 1:30 PM
21. 07.23.25 San Juan County, UT Economic Development Grant Writing training at 10 AM
22. 07.24.25 Zoom Mtg with Natural Resources Conservation Services on Water Shed Planning at 1:00 PM

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23. 07.25.25 Utah Dineh Advisory Committee (UDAC) /UNTF proposals due on July 25, 2025 at 5:00 pm
24. 07.25.25 Mexican Water Chapter Food Bank Distribution at 12:30 PM/Community Outreach and Awareness at Mexican Water Chapter House
25. 07.25.25 Septic Tank Cleaning Training by Utah Rural Water Association
26. 07.31.25 2025 Utah Tribal Leader Summit at Orem, UT (Utah Valley University) 7:30AM - 8:30PM

D Monthly/Quarterly Reports (Written or Oral)

1. Council Delegate, Curtis Yanito

Day 1 of Summer Council Session

2. Grazing Committee Representative/Stewardship UT Project, Dalene Redhorse

Reported on Wind Mill closure due to vandalized and community taking parts that utilizes the wind mill. Meredith Benally, CLUP&Z President asked if the Wind Mills closure are due to water testing? Martha Saggboy, President explained that the testing results should be available.

3. US EPA Region 9, Tse T'ah Liaison - Perry Tso

Red Mesa Chapter was in session same as Mexican Water Chapter Meeting

4. San Juan County Election Liaison, Elsie Dee

Red Mesa Chapter was in session same as Mexican Water Chapter Meeting

5. Utah Navajo Health System, Inc. (UNHS) Board of Director, Cassandra Beletso –

Was in attendance for the whole meeting and no report given.

6. Chapter Officials -

Martha Saggboy, President reports that Mr. Lee Kapoloski reported that the Navajo Mountain chapter had hired him to represent them on the Utah Water Rights but Navajo Nation assigned attorney Dwigh Witherspoon informed the chapters that if the chapter is non-LGA certified they are representing them from the Navajo Nation but if the chapter is LGA certified they are able to hire their own legal counsel. Ms. Meredith Benally informed the community that the chapter needs to work with Mr. Kapoloski on water issues.

The Navajo Nation did a study on Feral Horses and the agriculture should be able to provide the data.

Martha Saggboy, President encourages community members to call in on Zoom Meeting for Natural Resources Conservation Services on July 24, 2024 at 1:00pm (Call in, information will be provided)

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7. Sweetwater Helium LLC, Thomas Pellegrini

They were informed to attend CLUP&Z meeting and we were informed of the passing of Rudy Shabla.

8. Utah State University- Lavern Dennison

Lavern Dennison and Jim Dandy Jr. reported about a federal grant to assistance students with AI and distance learning. Their asking for the community members input on how to use funding. Jim Dandy Jr. also reported he would like to use the funding for desk tops, laptops and hotspots for distance learning.

Marlin Saggboy MOTIONED to approve all items under section IV: A-D, seconded by MaryAnn Woody with a vote of 22/00/00 with the Chapter President not Voting. Martha Saggboy explained each section to the community members. Martha Saggboy went through the calendar, event dates and Reports.

V. Meeting Adjournment

Meredith Benally MOTIONED to adjourn the chapter meeting at 5:52 p.m., seconded by Carmelita Sagg.

The final vote for the section was 22/00/00 with the Chapter President not voting.

Posted by: **Cassandra Beletso**

Date Posted: **7/21/2025**

Time Posted: **10:23 PM**