

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 planning meeting open to the public on **August 15, 2013** at Mexican Water Chapter Multipurpose Building Complex 1 located at Highway 191 N Milepost#2, Mexican Water, Utah beginning at **4:00 o'clock pm**.

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.

If any disabled person needs any type of accommodation in order to attend this meeting, please notify Braniel Smith 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 at 4:40 p.m.

B. Invocation- Ruby William

C. Roll Call by Mary Ann Woody

D. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of July 07, 2013.

Motion to approve by Susie Blackhorse, second by Bennie Begay with a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, motion carried.

E. Approval of Agenda Motion to approve by Bennie Begay second by Mary Benally with a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained, motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. MWCAUG11- Supporting and approving to authorize NTUA to do the ROW Studies for Melinda Blackhorse and Ilene Martin-

B. MWCAUG11- Approving and accepting the presentation of G THERM, INC on GEO Thermal Technology the Mexican Water Chapter and Mexican Water Economic Development Committee. G THERM, INC has Proposed to Mexican Water Chapter and the Economic Development Committee, Local Governance Act Certified Chapter, to invest into the subsidiary Company, GEOTHERM TRIBAL ENERGY, INC (GTE) to exercise business development under its LGA Certification on July 22, 2013-

David John elaborated on the above information to the community. Oil that were caped or abandoned area, requesting for renewable energy from it. We sign the agreement with the company due to our chapter being certified, also there was an opportunity for us to move on this and therefore we did not need the community's vote, we would just add it onto the agenda.

Motion to approve/accept by Pauline Black, second by Roy Hatalie with a vote of 25-0-1, motion carried. This motion is included with item A above.

Harold Skaw: we are having a hard time going with Economic Development here at the Chapter; Harold/Curtis Yanito demonstrated with the instrument that we received from the GTherm presenter at the previous meeting in Farmington last week.

Steven John – a lot of these area are contaminated and danger, are the permit holders informed, are they going to do the same thing to us again.

C. MWCAUG11- Supporting and Approving to request the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) to Reimbursement the Mexican Water Chapter for the amount of \$24,342.15 for Project 1660 for OEC Personnel-

D. MWCAUG11- Approving to accept Reimbursement from Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) for Project 1660 for OEC Personnel for the amount of \$24,342.15

E. MWCAUG11- Approving to accept Reimbursement from San Juan County, UT the amount of \$2,659.49 from Road Fund- Motion to approve/accept by Mary Benally, second by Benjamin William with a vote of 25-0-1 which includes item C and D, motion carried.

- F. MWCAUG11 – Supporting and approving to request the Navajo Nation Budget & Finance Committee, Nabik’iyati’ Committee, Resources Development Committee and the Legislative Branch, Navajo Nation Speaker of the Council and the Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice-President to allocate funding to establish a regional office for the Utah Navajo Agency that will serve the Utah Navajo Chapter. Motion to support/approve by Steven John, second by Roy Hatalie with a vote of 25-0-2, motion carried.**
- G. MWCAUG11 – Supporting and approving to request the Navajo Nation Office of the President & Vice-President, Budget & Finance Committee, Nabik’iyati’ Committee, Resources Development Committee and the Division of Community Development to replenish the 7% budget cut for the Mexican Water Chapter that was taken from the fixed Cost line item due to the Chapter is LGA Governance Certified. Motion by Harry Tsosie second by Ruby William with a vote of 26-0-1, motion carried, including I Senior Citizen’s request.**
- H. MWCAUG11- Supporting & approving the negotiations between Rocky Mountain Power Company and NTUA to transfer the existing Rocky Mountain Power electric system to NTUA. Motion to support/approve by Susie Blackhorse second by Ruby William with a vote of 26- 0- 3, motion carried with addition of item A.**

Patricia Watchman, Liaison of Shiprock NTUA. Working closely with Mexican water and Red Mesa Chapter and Utah. AZ received almost all power. Utah Mountain Power, Martha gave a list of name about 20 on it and we have not started working on it yet but we need to do the agreement first. Red Mesa there are 14 names on the list and we are working on it and when Rocky Mountain Power connects to it. There are about 200 without power, just been working or trying to work on right of way. There are about 24 people with Rocky Mountain, don’t know about the house wiring. Waiting for the 14 people which the money has been allocated but RMP does not do right of way so they are waiting on it and the money being allocated is expiring for construction, etc. South of Red Mesa, there is a substation and from there 3 phase will extend out to Mexican Water. Right now you are using single phase. We are working closely with Martha and the chapter has paid for it. It’s up to Land Dept. and are collecting grazing permit from people.

Curtis Bitsie- with NTUA, Rocky Mountain Power Company and NTUA making agreement with each other. NTUA would like to take over to monitor the power line. August 23, 2013 board meeting of NTUA will be meeting to discuss further what is happening. Public Utah Commission approval Negotiations between RMPC and the NTUA transfer the existing RMP Electric System to NTUA has been completed. Negotiations of transfer completed by August 2, 2013 NTUA Board Approval August 23, 2013

RPM Board Approval Sept. 2013 Public Utility Commission of Utah approval Oct-Nov 2013

Transfer to be executed by NNC, there after NN President Approval of Jan 2014

Phase I will be the first one to transfer

Phase I of to complete early part of 2014

Phase II of RMPT to complete after improvement of system

Phase II of RMP transfer to be complete June 29, 2017

Full NTUA Operation complete June 30, 2017

Where: within the Aneth and M/W, Utah and RM AZ chapters, Surrounding chapters include, S/W, TNP, AZ

Why: In order to serve the Navajo Families with much-needed electrical services, NTUA will be responsive to the needs of people

Local community benefits: Employment currently 97% Navajo very few. NTUA R/M sub-office will be expanded to cover additional area. Local O & M employment created -4 new additional positions.

Infrastructure Improvement and Economic Development, Navajo Nation, NTUA.

Right now RMP money goes to Utah instead of coming to Navajo Nation

Propane is more expensive but natural gas is low price wise.

Harold Skaw- Is the funds available for broadband?

Curtis Yanito – natural gas be a part after the agreement?

Richard Yanito – both has committee? Does NTUA have a phone?

Woody Lee – the expense of NTUA, right now RMP is charging low price.

(NTUA is non-profit) all the money goes to Navajo Nation. RMP is under Utah

Shiprock Chapter person Patricia Whitehorse? – working for NTUA for 24 years, many people do not have power still but we look forward to the younger generation, etc. Our goal for the community is power/ looking at natural gas at the same time. Many elders are concern why they don't have power yet and are looking forward soon to have this situation taken care of. Natural Gas (quest star) goes down to California and had been energized recently.

David John – in support of the agreement, right now we are at phase I and we need bigger power so we can have businesses in operation here at our 50 acre.

Cassandra Beletso – for some people they don't agree with the agreement being made between NTUA and RMP due to the cost. Low Income Energy Assistance will continue to assist the community. Nothing will change with the water payment it will stay the same which is separate from the electric bill. It would be nice to have both on one bill.

Curtis Yanito – what happens to the old pole? We are having a horse round up soon and we are in need of resources, anything, etc.

Harold Skaw – will it affect rural address or post office address? This does not determine your rate. Rural addressing is a must due to how the meter is read in local area. Do we pay two taxes, one for Navajo Nation and Utah portion?

Wilbert Jones– We have been requesting for natural gas for the past 20 years and, this is available here at the local level and we just need to tab into it so we don't have to travel far for it. Maybe do a resolution and request. Broadband is the same way too, etc.

Curtis Yanito – phone number on the board, Oct. 1, 2013. USDA and NRCS working with them and we need all the permit holder to meet with me and discuss some issues. Oct 1, 2013 submit application for some assistance from Monticello. So we need to get together and learn about the kind of assistance. We need to get together and discuss so we can work on plan of operation, etc. Horse Roundup this Saturday August 17, 2013 starting from White Rock and go around certain area. You might reclaim your missing horses, etc. We need to organize so that we can make some money, etc. We can form a separate government/organization with officers in place, we can use this as a leverage to have our own bank for used and later on be recognized. As permit holders you have the strength to defend your permit, we need to learn/read the permit booklet, etc.

USDA is willing to come out to the chapter and make their report if we request. Base on certified chapter, when we get together and form a government, write for grants, etc. Would like to form some youth to assist me on the tally count and branding, etc. Horses that are sold will come back to the chapter.

Harry W. Tsosie – where are you getting the stock panel? The boys that are helping have these, their own.

Herbert Yanito – USDA reimbursement, are they still doing it? They are willing to come out and do their report on it. The money that generates from this goes to the Chapter, which has to be in writing, etc.

Pauline Black – Are you doing this yourself? Yes, we are certified chapter.

Mary Ann Woody – what about liability? No comment. Monies have been allocated to certain chapters, what about M/W? He came on until April so probably application were submitted before that and did not submit one.

Mary Ann Woody- Can we claim unbranded horses? No, just the fowl or baby horses.

David John – one thing that everyone needs to remember, has been brought to the table before and who was going to do it, etc. President Shelly vetoed the allocation of funds, to this day it has not been brought back to the chapter. Community will question who Okayed it and it will probably come back to the Chapter, just to let you know if anything goes wrong the chapter will be liable.

Herbert Yanito – maybe the chapter can put out some information out to the people so there is no blame on individuals, etc. It is hard yes, usage of minutes, we need to understand each other, there needs to be communication between all of us, the community, the chapter, etc. There are too many horses, some areas are working on it and doing it. Don't be afraid of it or say that there is going to be danger, treat it with positives, etc. Motion to approve by Mary Benally and second by Herbert Yanito for all reports and including Curtis Yanito's report on Horse Roundup 25-0-1, motion carried.

I. Senior Council requesting for \$75.00

IV. Reports/Announcements

A. Quarterly updates to the community

i. Financial Reports (attached)

1. July 2013

V. Meeting Adjournment by Jerry Tsosie at 6:25 p.m.

Planning Meeting is Sept 4, 2013 at 4:00 and September 8, 2013 at 1:00 will be the regular chapter meeting. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Roy Hatalie, second by Ruby William with a vote of 25-0-1, motion carried

Posted by: Mary Ann Woody

Date Posted: 8/15/13

Time Posted: 6:28 p.m.