

## 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 <sup>chapter</sup> ~~planning~~ meeting open to the public on April 09, 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 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 Martha Saggboy at (928) 429-0986 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting.

### I. REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING – 9 April 2017 @ 10 AM

A. **Call to Order was called to order by President Kenneth Maryboy at 10:35 am.**

B. Invocation was done by Davis Filfred, COuncil Delegate.

C. Roll Call was done by **David John and confirm that a quorum was present.**

D. Appoint a Pro-Temp Secretary for April Chapter Meeting.

**Clifford Sagg was appointed as the Pro-Temp Secretary with a motion by Harry Tsosie, seconded by Marlene Valentine with a vote of 15/0/4.**

E. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of March 05, 2017 Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes.

**David John recommended to defer the reading of the March 05, 2017 Journal of Proceedings until such time that the Secretary position is officially filled. A motion was made to defer with a second from Pauline Black with a vote of 15/0/4.**

F. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for this meeting was read by Clifford Sagg and **motioned for approval by Harold Skow with a second by Marlene Valentine.** The following items were requested to be added to the agenda:

1. Move the reports of Earl Tulley, NHA before the beginning of New Business;
2. Move the reports of Davis Filfred, Council Delegate before the beginning of New Business;
3. Add a resolution for the USDA Summer Food Program for the Chapter under New Business Item H;
4. Add a support resolution for Enabling Legislation for the Creation of the Navajo Youth Advisory Council.under New Business Item I; and
5. Add Southwest Conservation Corp- Ancestral Lands under Quarterly Reports, #10.

**The motioning party accepted the additions to the agenda with a vote of 17/0/4.**

### II. Old Business

A. Recall of January 08, 2017 Regular Chapter Meeting minutes Item to correct and include a retroactive pay on differences on Stipend amounts beginning October 2016 to February 2017 on both Planning Meeting and Agency Council Meeting to reflect the FY 2017 Supplemental UUFB allocation amount.

**A motion was made to recall the January 08, 2017 Regular Chapter Meetings minutes by Pauline Black with a second by Susan Blackhorse with a vote of 18/0/4.**

B. **MWC-MAR05-056** Approve to support the Transfer of all Rights and interests in federal minerals located within the McCracken Mesa area to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund and amendment by striking the "37-1/2" to "62.5

A motion was made by Marlene Valentine, seconded by Gladys Begay to recall the previous Chapter tabling action with a vote of 19/0/4. **Another motion was made to Marlene Valentine with a second by**

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**Susan Backhorse to open discussion of the listed item with vote of 21/0/4.**

After a lengthy discussion, it was recommended to oppose the action of the State of Utah and to act again when the Navajo Nation has issued a recommendation on this issue.

### III. New Business/Action items

- A report was made by Earl Tulley, Navajo Housing Authority. The report content will be documented in IV. Reports/Approvals/Announcements, C. Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral).
  - A report was made by Davis Filfred, Council Delegate. The report content will be documented in IV. Reports/Approvals/Announcements, C. Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral).
- A. **MWCAPR09-060** Approve to request the Resources Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council to amend the recently approved Home Site Lease Policy that is more adoptable to land status.  
The Council Delegate reported the Navajo Nation Resources Division had made an effort to education the communities on this revision of the Homesite Lease Policy. The question put forward was, what does the Chapter like or dislike about the policy? Just to outright disapprove the policy is not an option. **A motion was made by Trudy Cedarran with a second by Cassandra Beletso to oppose the policy as a whole and to have more education on the Policy, with a vote of 24/0/4.**
- B. **MWCAPR09-xxx** Chapter Boundary Issue for Utah Resident residing North side of San Juan River.  
Note: Item was tabled at Chapter Planning Meeting. Inadvertently left on agenda when publishing.
- C. **MWCAPR09-061** Approve to request the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Budget & Finance Committee, NÁBIK' IYÁTI' Committee, Resources and Development Committee, Office of the President/Vice-President, Division of Community Development/Capital Project Management Department to allocate FY 2017 from the Undesignated Unreserved Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,634,047.20 to completely finance the construction of a three phase power line infrastructure Project  
**A motion was made to approve the request by Trudy Cedarran with a second by Martha Nakai with a vote of 24/0/3.**
- D. **MWCAPR09-062** Approve to request and authorize Utah Dineh Advisory Committee, Utah Navajo Trust Fund Board of Trustee (UNTF BoT) and the Navajo Revitalization Fund (NRF) Board to allocate uncommitted chapter allocated funds of \$50,000.00 each towards the MPB Complex #2 Senior Center short-funded cost of the kitchen equipment facilities totaling \$100,000.00  
**A motion was made to approve the request by Pauline Black with a second by Martha Nakai with a vote of 24/0/3.**
- E. **MWCAPR09-063** Approve to enter into a Services Agreement between Mexican Water Chapter and Patterson V. Joe, PC and Kewenvouyouma, PLLC to seek legal advice/services to further the Economic Development activities of Mexican Water Chapter.  
Martha Saggboy reported that is working on applying for a grant with the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) which will assist the chapter with furthering several goals with their Local Governance certification. This grant will allow the chapter to acquire the attorney services to further the Economic Development of the chapter.  
The discussion yielded some questions of the funding sources and the amount of the contract. What is the intent of the chapter is regards to economic development when it comes to Poncho House Ruins? The community was told that is just setting the foundation with the intent of creating economic opportunities but not specifically for Poncho House Ruins.  
**A motion was made to approve the request by Trudy Cedarran with a second by Mary Ann Begay with a vote of 20/4/3.**
- F. **MWCAPR09-064** Approve the request of Mr./Mrs. John/Hannah Curley for housing assistance.  
The chapter will make every effort to seek funding to fulfill the request of the community member for

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housing assistance through all resources available to the chapter. **A motion was made to approve the request by Esther Reddoor with a second by Roy Hatathle with a vote of 25/1/3.**

- G. **MWCAPR09-065** Approve to support and endorse the Uranium Mine Tailings Remediation and Transporting tailings to the White Mesa Mill , Blanding, UT.

**A motion was made to approve the request by Trudy Cedarran with a second by Marlene Valentine with a vote of 22/0/3.**

- H. **MWCAPR09-066** Supporting the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) know as Summer Meals Program at Mexican Water Chapter for Fiscal Year 2017.

**A motion was made to approve the request by Trudy Cedarran with a second by Martha Nakai with a vote of 24/0/3.**

- I. **MWCAPR09-067** Support Legislation 0019-17; Relating to Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, NaaBik'iYati and the Navajo Nation Council, Enacting enabling Legislation for the Navajo Youth Advisory Council.

**A motion was made to approve Items H and I by Susan Blackhorse with a second by MaryAnn Begay with a vote of 22/0/3.**

- J. **MWCAPR09-068** Requesting the State of Utah Governor to include a requirement of being Bilingual (Navajo) for appointment consideration to the position of Utah Navajo Trust Fund - Dine Advisory Board as well as

### IV. Reports/Approvals/Announcements

#### A. Financial Reports (Attached)

Ratification of March 2017 Payroll Expenses of **\$8,090.18**

Ratification of March 2017 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,300.00**

Ratification of March 2017 Vouchers Expenses of **\$3,468.25**

Ratification of March 2017 Veteran expense **\$0.00**

Ratification of March 2017 Scholarship expense **\$0.00**

Ratification of March 2017 Grazing Official expense **\$146.33**

Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred March 2017

#### Announcements:

1. Trudy Cedarran - Utah Navajo Transit Program - Ms. Cedarran reported that a bus route will commence between Aneth and Blanding, UT in the coming weeks. Once the route is open, the Transit will have free rides for a period of 2 to 3 weeks and the regular fee will be \$2 per person once the route is established.
2. MaryAnn Begay - Mrs. Begay reported that she lost 12 of her sheep while shearing them from her homesite. She has searched for them but to no avail. She is asking anyone to be on the lookout for them and appreciates everyone's assistance.
3. Roy Hatathle - Mr. Hatathle reported their will be a Veteran's Meeting on 10 April 2017 at the Chapter.

#### B. Approvals

- 1) UT Archaeological Clearance Financial Assistance  
Jeremy D/Veronica Ann Jones

#### C Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)

- 1) Council Delegate, Davis Filfred

Mr. Filfred on the following items:

- a. Navajo Housing Authority Board replacements - Advertisements asking for interested candidates will be in the local papers for the a place on the board with related housing

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- experience and such.
  - b. NAHASDA Funding - the
  - c. Law and Order Committee - a bill regarding the Gun Registration is going through the process. Owners will need to register their firearms with the police department.
  - d. Other Meetings include the Resources Committee, the Navajo Utah Commission, the Naa Bi KiYati and the Spring Navajo Nation Council Session.
  - e. Navajo Health Board - possible reduction in its membership from the current to a more manageable size.
  - f. Homesite Lease Policy Training - in Flagstaff, AZ at the end of the month. There are lot is issues that need to be addresses,
  - g. Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Shareholders Meeting - Resolute might possible be ending its contract.
  - h. Bears Ears Commission - Mr. Filfred was appointed to the board and will represent us.
  - i. Shumway Collection - the chapter needs to file a recommendation on what to do with the collection. No chapter position has been made.
- 2) Grazing Committee Representative, Curtis D. Yanito - NO SHOW.
- 3) UNHS, INC Health Board, Cassandra Beletso - NO REPORT
- 4) Community Health Representative, Valencia Brown - NO REPORT
- 5) Chapter Officials - Kenneth Maryboy
- Mr. Maryboy reported on the following items:
- a. San Juan School District - at the NUC meeting, there was word that the District would be eliminating the bus route to the southernmost areas of the district. A representative reported that was not happening as it was only a recommendation. No action will be taken.
  - b. Shumway Collection/ Dollar Store Land Sale by UNTF - the chapters are not being notified of the actions by the Dine Advisory Committee and the chapters should be informed before an action is taken.
  - c. NRF Meeting/Sunset Housing Projects - The action by the Utah State Governor is not right as he is taking money from the NRF to fix incomplete/ruined home as a result of this action when the UNTF was sunsetted several years ago.
  - d. Bears Ears Commission - James Adakai was selected to be on the Commission as a Navajo Representative.
  - e. Several Events Happening - Navajo/Hopi Bike Run on May 14, Bears Ears Meeting on April 15 at Mexican Water Chapter.
  - f. A letter or resolution to the Utah State Governor asking him to include a requirement of his selection be bi-lingual.
- 6) Utah Navajo Trust Fund - Tony Dayish, Administrator
- Mr Tony Dayish gave a report to the chapter during the Planning Meeting on the ongoing Multi-Purpose Building funding and construction schedule.
- 7) Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) – Teri Silversmith/Earl Tulley
- Mr. Tulley came out to the chapter upon talking with Mr. Tony Dayish with word that the chapter might have a Housing Development project ready. Mr. Tulley alluded that a Master Lease would be preferable to individual sites as to reduce the cost of related utilities, road and such. The chapter would need a resolution requesting for a Feasibility Study for the proposed development site. He referred to a newsletter published by NHA for all the requirements for both individual and sub-division-like sites. He fielded and answered questions from the community. Other concerns asked were of the Chapter submitting for housing project but not being considered and no reports from the current representative. Mr. Tulley did say he would be back to work with the chapter on

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- 8) Hopi Navajo Bike Run - Leslie Keith - Mentioned in Chapter Official Report.
- 9) Bears Ears Meeting - April 15, 2017 at Mexican Water Chapter at 12 pm. - Mentioned in Chapter Official Report.

**A motion was made by defer the Financial Reports to such time that a Secretary/Treasurer is elected and to approve the Announcements, Approvals and Quarterly Reports, seconded by Martha Nakai with a vote of 20/0/3.**

After the report from the Chapter President, a motion was made to amend the Chapter Meeting Agenda to include a resolution to ask the State of Utah to recall the current Appointee to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund - Dine Advisory Board representative due to language barriers by Susan Blackhorse, seconded by Martha Nakai with a vote of 21/0/3. That same resolution was approved by a motion from Larry Tunj, seconded by Harry Tsosie with a vote of 20/0/3.

### V. Meeting Adjournment by Kenneth Maryboy

**A motion was made by Roy Hatathle, seconded by Martha Nakai to adjourn the Chapter Meeting with a vote of 20/0/3.**

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