

## 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 Chapter Meeting open to the public on September 11, 2017 at Mexican Water Chapter Multipurpose Building Complex 1 locate at Highway 191 N Milepost#2, Mexican Water, Utah beginning at 3:00 o'clock p.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. CHAPTER MEETING

- A. Call Meeting to Order by Kenneth Maryboy at 3:36 pm.
- B. Invocation by Davis Filfred
- C. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/Minutes August 06, 2017 Chapter Meeting Minutes. Minutes was read and motioned for approval by Susan Blackhorse, seconded by Mary Benally with a vote of 16/0/7.
- D. Approval of Chapter Meeting Agenda. Agenda was read and motioned for approval by Mary Benally, seconded by Susan Blackhorse with a vote of 19/0/4 with the following changes to the agenda:
  - i. Move report from Davis Filfred to before the New Business. Written in Reports section;
  - ii. Move report from San Juan School District to before the New Business. Written in Reports section; and
  - iii. Move reports from Utah Navajo Health System, Inc to before the New Business. Written in Reports section.

### II. Old Business

### III. New Business/Action items

- A. **MWCSEPT11-129** Approve and recommending to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund - Utah Diné Advisory Committee (UDAC) and Board of Trustees (BoT) to negotiate with the San Juan School District in their efforts in acquiring property located in Bluff, UT to construct a new Elementary School facility. **Harry Descheene motioned to open discussion, seconded by Tara Benally.**
  - A chapter resolution stands to where the chapter is asking the San Juan School District to move the school into the 50 Acre Tract within Mexican Water Chapter. Now, the question stands to where the School District is asking the Utah beneficiaries to allow negotiation to lease, sell or trade land tracts. Nelson Yellowman, SJSD Board Member reported on the need to build a school right away due to the deficiencies.
  - David John suggested to reword the resolution to be more of a regional impact area/nature rather than being site specific. The motioning party is in agreement with rewording the resolution to reflect the recommendation. "...in acquiring property located within the impacted area/jurisdiction of the San Juan School District...".  
**The vote to accept the changes to the wording of the resolution is 17/0/4.**
- B. **MWCSEPT11-130** Approve to authorize the Chapter Administration to work with Harshwal & Company LLP as consultant using Professional Service Contract (PSC) enter with the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General on behalf for LGA certified chapter (s) to audit the 2016 financial statement as this is one of the LGA post-certification requirements.
- C. **MWCSEPT11-131** Approve to request the Division of Community Development, Resource Development Committee, Nabik'iyat'i Committee and the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council to appropriate full funding for the 2018 (110) Navajo Nation Chapter's operations including Chapter Officials compensation.

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- D. **MWCSEPT11-132** Approve to accept the FY 2018 Navajo Nation Chapter Operating Budget allocation of \$267,841.00 and as budgeted.
- E. **MWCSEPT11-133** Approve to accept the Fiscal Year 2018 Signature Authorizations for chapter accounts and financial documents.
- F. **MWCSEPT11-134** Approve to accept the Tunnel Freight (Greenhouse) purchased and donated by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for community's use.
- G. **MWCSEPT11-135** Approve to request Emery Telecom and Utah Educational Network (UEN) to include the seven (7) Utah Chapters of the Navajo Nation to participate in the build out of a fiber optic line from Bluff, Utah and south of the San Juan River up to the Utah/Arizona State Line.
- H. **MWCSEPT11-136** Approve to purchase a licensed long range backhaul antenna and place a transmitting antenna on tower at Abajo so that the community of Mexican Water will connect through the air over many mesas and canyon is really feasible.
- I. **MWCSEPT11-137** Approve to recommend the Navajo Nation Election Administration of Shiprock Agency to appoint and select a Chief Poll Judge, Poll Judge & Poll Clerk for the upcoming Navajo Nation Special Election.

**Mary Benally motioned to approve Items B to I for approval with a vote of 15/0/1. Harry Descheene**

- J. **MWCSEPT11-138** Approve to seek funding for new housing construction for Mrs. Hannah Curley.
- K. **MWCSEPT11-139** Request for Road Maintenance for SJC Road #415 within Mexican Water Chapter, UT.
- L. **MWCSEPT11-140** Request to be placed on Power/Water Line Extension Project Listing – Yolanda Benally
- M. **MWCSEPT11-141** Request for project update on Water Line Extension for residents of Garnet Ridge, AZ.

**Mary Benally motioned to approve items #J to #M for approval with a vote of 18/0/1. Tara Benally**

IV. Reports/Approvals/Announcements

A. Financial Reports (Attached)

Ratification of August 2017 Payroll Expenses of **\$27,993.60**

Ratification of August 2017 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,482.08**

Ratification of August 2017 Vouchers Expenses of **\$24,244.82**

Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred August 2017

**Susan Blackhorse motioned to approve Item A for approval with a vote of 18/0/1. Mary R. Benally**

B. Approvals

- 1 UT Archaeological Clearances Financial Assistance Request
- 2 AZ Archaeological Clearances Financial Assistance Request

C. Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)

- 1) Kayenta Fire Department, Gabriel Yazzie.
- 2) Utah Navajo Health System, Inc Board President Jamie Harvey. The intent of the report was to address the issues as highlighted by the Gallup Independent. Mr. Michael Jensen and Cassandra Beletso gave their report as follows: 1 – Board compensation and rotation. Goal is to be 100% transparent. The figures on the article was accurate and over a five year term which included the travels, stipends and other expenses. The amount would be less per year. The comment from Kenneth Maryboy was that UNHS is a unique organization and is supported 110% however, the money being paid to the board members is troubling. Mr. Jensen stated the yearly audit is available to the public via the website, using the 990. The funds used were from third party revenues. As to the terms, the chapter has the option to replace the representative after four (04) years. One just needs to express their interest via resume and letter of interest and the board determines who will be selected to

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sit on the board. Mrs. Beletso stated she intends to reapply for the position once her term expires. Everyone is invited to the Board Meeting on every Tuesday on each month at 5:30 pm.

- 3) San Juan School District Schools Superintendent Ron Nielson. Mr. Nielsen report the need to build a new Elementary School building where the existing Fair Grounds is location in Bluff, Utah. The school district is adamant on building a new school but will need to visit all the Utah Chapters to receive their input on the land status whether they are in support or not. Parents are encouraged to speak out on this issue.
- 4) Council Delegate, Davis Filfred. Mr Filfred reported on the following items: 1- Meeting schedules for this week and month, 2- Designation of family cemetary and possibly impeding community development, 3-Flowing Water Casino not doing well and what might be possibilities, 4- Four Corners Regional Health Center to possibly transition into a 683 entity/organization per Woody Lee.
- 5) Utah Diné Advisory Committee Representative Jerrica Maryboy. See written report.
- 6) Grazing Committee Representative Curtis D. Yanito
- 7) UNHS, INC Health Board Cassandra Beletso See report #2 for her report.
- 8) Community Health Representative Valencia Brown. No show.
- 9) Mexican Water Chapter Officials

**Stanley Pelt motioned to approve the Report section, seconded by Mary Benally with a vote of 20/0/1.**

V. Meeting Adjournment by Kenneth Maryboy –

**Cassandra Beletso motioned to adjourn the Chapter Meeting seconded by Mary Benally with a vote 18/0/1 with the next meeting dates as follows:**

- A. **Planning Meeting – 4 October 2017 at 3 pm**
- B. **Chapter Meeting – 9 October 2017 at 4 pm.**

Posted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Posted: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Posted: \_\_\_\_\_