

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 regular chapter meeting open to the public on July 08, 2015 at Mexican Water Chapter Multipurpose Building Complex 1 locate at Highway 191 N Milepost#2, Mexican Water, Utah beginning at 4:00 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.

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I. REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

- A. Call to Order by Jerry Tsosie @ 4:10 p.m.
- B. Invocation by Chapter President Jerry Tsosie
- C. Roll Call by secretary/treasurer for the record
- D. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of June 07, 2015
Minutes was read by the secretary/treasurer for the record
Motion for approval by Pauline Black, second by Gladys Begay 17 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstained and motion carried
- E. Approval of Agenda
Read by secretary/treasurer for the record
Motion for approval by Malinda Blackhorse, second by Pauline Black with a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstain and motion carried
Add on or Request:
Navajo Housing – Kenneth Chester
Navajo Technical University (Teec Nos Pos) - Dr. Frank Todacheenie, site director
Hannah Curley – she left before the meeting was over
Ryen Benn – Navajo Nation Oil/Gas Task Force
Chapter President stated that the people listed under report/announcement will do their report first due to other businesses they have to attend.

***Kenneth Chester:** Navajo Housing Authority – director of NHA board of commissioner in Utah were voted in by the Tribal Council. There are 8 of them working for NHA whom were selected and is happy about it. He has worked for health System for 30 years in Montezuma Creek, Utah. Animal control is a problem around NHA and wants us to do something about it. NHA down in White Rock Point has been paid off by the people there, it belongs to the people and maintenance is up to the resident. NHA is based on income and sometimes these people are lenient about the payment. Some things he does not like is damaging of the houses by youth, don't know if the youth are doing these things, sometimes they burn the house, etc. It cost a lot to repair, it limits new housing and suggested to the community to tell the youth not to write on the house or do damage.*

***Dr. Frank Todacheenie** – Navajo Technical University (NTU) main campus is in Crownpoint, NM, sites are Chinle and Teec Nos Pos. The main goal is for our youth who wants to advance themselves which also includes GED and ADA program are available, for eligibility they go under workforce. The first University on NN, technical is a job related course work and vocational is the same. You can earn a master degree, (Navajo Cultural Study, Engineer, BS, BA, doctoral of Art, special science degree, 4 years program, computer technology and **certificate program** is also available (32 or 24 credit hours) carpenter, welding and construction technology, all the way from start, mastery, carpenter, electrical work inside a house, etc.). Let your youth know about this university. Total enrollment is about 2,000 plus now. Fall semester is **August 17, 2015** is the start of school again and registration. Welding at Red Mesa in the evening and using their facility. Registered Nursing is at the Main Campus. Pell Grant (low income) NN scholarship, Native American Indian College Fund, are available, etc.*

***Question1:** Self Reliance? Parents are paid for mileage and meal under workforce. Navajo Culture Studies is a plus too and is also needed. Requesting that the school needs to provide services into Utah and maybe broadcast, classes could be held at the chapters for our youth – networking is possible.*

***Question2:** A veteran, have them build his house, response was not at that level yet*

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Leonard Gorman: Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission – (His report is on overhead). Coming from NN and the reason they are here is regarding San Juan County (Voting). Every ten years there is Census counting done of all the people coming from Washington. Due to this they do the zoning, etc. Litigation pending in Utah Federal Court to reapportion election districts to create: Two majority Navajo County Commission districts and three majority Navajo School Board election districts. Right now they are filing charges against one another.

David John – this is regarding Utah resident only, we do have knowledge of this issue and did approve a resolution

Cassandra Beletso – input is that to pass that ballot and a lot of elders don't speak English so they don't want the mail-in and some are very serious about their votes.

They make you do the run around too because the name is not listed in the book, etc. She has not seen anyone translate for elders too at a voting place.

Curtis Yanito – fluency voting is being forced upon us, etc. Attorney should all speak Navajo, and all leaders, etc.

Motion to approve all reports by Ruby William, second by Pauline Black with a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained and motion carried

Motion for approval for item below, correction of June 7, 2015 resolution numbering by Ruby William, second by Darlene Valentine with a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained and motion carried

Need correction on the Chapter Meeting minutes Item II. New Business/Action Item, resolution numbering

B. MWC MAY13-084 Supporting and approving to hire Summer Youth/College Employment using SYEP and PEP Funds, resolution numbering should be MWC JUN07-084

C. MWC MAY13-085 Approve to request Navajo Revitalization Fund Board to authorize expenditure of labor funds and reimbursement for the O'lene Walker client housing in the amount of \$35,000.00, resolution numbering should be MWC JUN07-085

D. MWC MAY13-086 Supporting and approving to urge the Budget and Finance Committee of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council, Resources Development Committee, and Division of Community Development to increase the annual budget allocation commencing FY 2016 to reflect the chapters actual operation expenses and considering the current economic condition to provide efficiency and accountability to the chapter membership, resolution numbering should be MWC JUN07-086

E. MWC MAY13-087, Approve to accept the Aspen roll donation and to be hauled safely to location without interference resolution numbering should be MWC JUN07-087

II. Old Business - none

III. New Business/Action items

Motion for approval for item A, B, & C by Malinda Blackhorse, second by Ruby William with a vote of 31 in favor, 2 opposed, 4 abstained and motion carried.

Question 1: from to where to is the hiking, etc. How is the chapter going to make money from this?

Curtis – responded with tax will be collected by the chapter and present this to the CLUP committee before the planning meeting. Hiking trail has not been identified yet, also gravels pit and roads for bus route, etc.

Jerry: notice how Sand Island is set up and this will be about the same. The two cabins are for tourism and poncho house and CLUP is discussing all this.

Larry Tuni- Is this just up in discussion or where is the money going to go. Is the money going into the bathroom machine or what?

A. **MWC JUL08-088** Approve to request withdraw one (1) acre land along the San Juan River to develop a waterless restroom for hiking trail

B. **MWC JUL08-089** Approve to request the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development to appropriate funding from its Tourism funds for this development

C. **MWC JUL08-090** Approve to designate funding for the preliminary clearances for the 1 acre land withdrawal using capital outlay funds

D. **MWC JUL08-091** Approve to purchase supplies for installation of mono poles for community broadband project

Motion for approval for item D by Cassandra Beletso, second by Ruby William with a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstain and motion carried

E. **MWC JUL08-092** Approve to support the Mexican Water Chapter Veterans Organization's request to the State of Utah Workforce to assist with the purchasing and installation of a flag pole and US flag

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Motion for approval for item E by Cassandra Beletso, second by Kile Wileto with a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

- F. **MWCJUL08-093** Approve to purchase six (6) replacement computers for Chapter Official Office; Veterans Office and Computer Lab

Motion for approval for item F by Cassandra Beletso, second by Ruby William with a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Question: Is there a procurement process? Was there a quote done? There is no cost listed?

Response was that Administration is taking care of it

- G. **MWCJUL08-094** Approve to purchase fencing and entrance gate materials for the newly established community cemetery along HWY 191 N on Arizona side

Motion for approval for item G by Ruby William, second by Cassandra Beletso with a vote of

Cassandra Beletso changed her motion to table the item, second by Kenneth White with a vote of 18 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained and motion carried due to two resident there within the area who are opposing the development of the new cemetery

Joe Saggboy – there were three people who were pass away and it was stated at the time that only those three was it. He suggested that people should bury their love ones near their own resident or there is one designated cemetery existing and why can't that be extended. It is a grazing area and his children live within or near the area. Joe also stated that the area was a sacred ground where offering were done, now those cannot be done, etc.

Kenneth White – stated that he is against the development of the new cemetery too; He also stated that it was only the three that are there now. There is a community cemetery that is in existence here with the community, why can't there be an extension to the old one? They were raised there, grazed and played there as young children. Suggested that maybe it should be discussed again with the immediate family. Maybe the grazing official was not informed and land officials, they should have been there too, etc.

Cassandra Beletso - was a part of this plan when it was being discussed the first time, it was stated that it should be away from the road and behind the hill. The grazing permit was being held by her late aunt within the area around the old cemetery. She is pleading with the two guys who are opposing the new development of the cemetery. The old cemetery is full and being asked to close down. Land withdrawal takes a lot of different surveys, etc. It is a sensitive subject, etc. Go back to land department and ask questions regarding who sign and so forth. The land department doesn't want a personal burial, and have the land management here and question them and who sign their name.

Jerry – had three of his sibling buried there in the new area where it's being develop, etc. The old cemetery is full and was told to close down the old cemetery from Window Rock. Even though it's being opposed, the gate to the entrance will be done. He also stated that he met with Lucy Gray, Stanley Gray, Andrew Saggboy, Grazing Official Alvin Tohtsoni and others and tried to contact Joe Saggboy and was unable to contact him. It will be three acres only was stated by Jerry. Stanley and him went out there to look at it and decided among them that it would be ok. It was decided that it will be fence in at that time. From there on it was being discussed all Kinyaa'aanii clan would utilize the cemetery which was stated by Mr. Saggboy at the time and there is a written document in the chapter and three acres only. It turn out and suggested that Mr. Saggboy, Ann T. and Stanley Gray, the three of these people with grazing permit and wanted to know what you thought of and tried contacting Joe and someone was supposed to pass the word onto Joe guess that never happen. This was met on and discussed again by the family except Joe did not show up again. If you use the land with a permit and using it and not living somewhere else then it's not right to opposed things that are in progress stated by Jerry, etc.

Jerry suggested tabling the item and meet with the permit holders regarding the new development

- H. **MWCJUL08-095** Approve to hire home-grown artisans as consultants to re-introduce the local native arts & crafts to teach and preserve the culture, traditions and language to our youths

Motion to approve item H to M by Cassandra Beletso, second by Ruby William with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Question3: Turnover of staff and doctors for item J, why? February on to currently 400 people had left? What's going on with the CEO there and Health Board needs to address these issues.

Secretary/Treasurer – I was send to the clinic today for a meeting, talked with Virginia Daniels and was told there was no meeting today. Went to another door the person told me that she was being threatened, thinking that should she resigned before she gets fired? Went to another person and there I learned about how this Ms. Daniels is operating the clinic there. From my observation the workers there are scared and don't want to say anything, they don't want to get fired. We need to voice our concern because the clinic is there for all of us and should be there for many more years to come for our use and our children.

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- I. **MWCJUL08-096** Approve to purchase craft supplies for home-grown artisans to be used for teaching the local native arts & crafts to our youths
- J. **MWCJUL08-097** Approving and requesting the Shiprock Service Unit Health Advisory Board to consult an outside vendor to conduct an investigation, management reviews and a financial audit of the Four Corners Regional Health Center, to review the performance of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Leadership, Strategic Planning, Customer Management, Knowledge Management, Workforce Engagement, and Operation Focus to ensure that all key areas of running a successful health care organization and are compatible with other performance improvement initiatives, to make certain administrative changes to improve the management such as reinstating the full time health care services made available to the surrounding communities that they are servicing to meet their health needs, achieve and sustain the highest national levels of patient safety and patient loyalty health care outcomes, to replenish all revenues collected from third party and reallocated back to FCRHC, and to ensure transparency and accountability to the communities that its servicing.
- K. **MWCJUL08-098** Approve to purchase Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) Unit for Old Chapterhouse facility
- L. **MWCJUL08-099** Approve to support the Plan of Operation of the Aneth Oil & Gas Task Force Council

Question: There is an opposition regarding this and is there a plan of operation and wants to see this plan of operation and what are we approving it, etc. We don't translate for people who do not speak Navajo, etc.

Jerry – we don't practice reading the resolution to the people and each item are supposed to be addressed and people don't understand it sometimes and we need to explain it in Navajo, etc. "We should be the last people to leave the chapter house too and yet we don't do it". We don't practice these things, etc.

Cassandra Beletso – A lot of our children are working there and relatives. This item is a problem because only one is working but some those contractors want a job and work too but leaving some of these contractors out and it would be nice to let the people know, etc. It would be nice to have a representative from each contractor. Her husband goes to work and waste \$25 for nothing and he would wait there for a job and nothing and comes home. Our local business are out there and was not informed of the bid that happened which is not fair. All the contractors know what's going on, and what job is out there, etc. It would be nice to see who is on the task force, etc. It affects her and is concern about it.

Task Force – Ryan Ben with Aneth – back in 2014 task force was approve with a resolution by Aneth but never got together again after that so three months ago, all these companies got back together with Montezuma Oil, MOS, and Maryboy and discuss that Resolute was going to put out a bid and question him and told that the bid was open to Navajo Nation wide including outside contractors. So we question what the stipulations were with bidding and how to qualify. Response was all workers, secretary, safety require Resume before they can qualify for a bid, etc. It's not right and Beverly Cohort never told them or informed them of anything like this and why did they not get invited to bid proposal and resolute back out. After that emails were send out and got invited to a proposal for bidding. After that the companies did their research to find out 20 point demand and 30 point demand all fit into this area and the people that are working in Montezuma Creek are from these area, Mexican Water, Teec, Monument Valley and Kayenta, also they look into the bid. What they are going to do is take that whole job and give it to one company who's qualified to run the whole business. There are 7 Navajo own companies down there and 180 Navajo workers and those 180 are going to lose their jobs and someone else is going to pick up.

So the Task Force was form at that point, companies got together and did their research and found out Resolute jump a lot of loops to get the bid, no radio announcement, newspaper announcement was there but never advertise, emails not given, Beverly Cohort (in charge of the bidding process) never came to them and said there was a bid proposal so the Task Force got together under the **Resolution HCDEC12-2014** and they told Jeff Odale that they don't have a lot to do because it was not process right and got together again and discussed how to make this strong. So with chapter President at Mexican Water, Teec, Red Mesa, and Aneth and suggested to get (2) members from each chapter to represent each of the chapter to stand behind them so that they will have a Task Force to oversee the work in Montezuma Creek Oil Companies.

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Gerald Maryboy – This is the Task Force everyone will complain to and to support everyone who are working with the companies

- M. **MWCJUL08-100** Approving to request Governor Gary R. Herbert and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund (UNTF) Board of Trustees to make certain administrative changes to improve management of the Utah Navajo Trust Fund
- N. **MWCJUL08-101**
- O. **MWCJUL08-102**
- P. **MWCJUL08-103**

IV. Reports/Announcements

A. Financial Reports (Attached)

1. Ratification of June 2015 Payroll Expenses of **\$21,406.57**
2. Ratification of June 2015 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,450.00**
3. Ratification of June 2015 Chapter Veteran Organization Expenses of **\$242.22**
4. Ratification of June 2015 Scholarship Expenses of **\$.00**
5. Ratification of June 2015 Vouchers Expenses of **\$17,995.60**
6. Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred June 2015
7. Approval for Biological Resource Clearances (Navajo Endangered Species) payment from Housing Service
 - UT (5) Clients at \$32.50, totaling \$162.50
 - AZ (6) Clients at \$32.50, totaling \$195.00
8. Approval for Archaeological Clearances payment from Housing Services
 - UT (1) Clients AGray & TYazzie
 - AZ (1) Clients RDan & LTuni

B. Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)

1. Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, Leonard Gorman
2. Utah State Workforce Development, Thomas Paul – no show
3. Utah Indian Education Commission, Melinda Blackhorse
 - This was approved a few months ago by the Governor (House Bill 33)
 - First meeting was May 27, 2015 in state of Utah, regarding students who are falling behind Tribal Education Leaders and the main concern was visiting different schools and talk with principals/teachers – high turn-over of teachers because of low income and no local stores such as Walmart, etc., how can we keep the teachers here to teach, etc.
 - The second meeting was June 22, 2015, where a teacher suggested that train the students for teachers to work as teachers. ‘Grow our own teachers’ Teach the young students both English/Navajo Language, and wants to have a town hall meeting here at the chapter sometimes to share ideas.
4. Council Delegate, Davis Filfred – teleconference
5. Grazing Committee Representative, Curtis Yanito
 - Wants to brand but nobody is calling him. Plan of operation for our grazing permit will be completed by 2019?
 - Planning of new development of cemetery, he does not know about it because he was not a part of it, before his time as grazing rep. Conservation plan has to be a part of it, all plants, grazing, farmers, etc.
 - Question: What are they going to do with dumping trash? Response is EPA will take care of it or supposed to. None permittees holders are the ones complaining and also Mary Benally does not have a permit for the site there for dumping and carcass disposal. Tell him all these information and he will do the recommendation. He will be the last person to sign papers if there is no complaints/dispute.
6. UNHS, INC Health Board, Cassandra Beletso was present but did not make her report
7. Chapter Officials

Lost the quorum so we adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion for adjournment by Cassandra Beletso, second by Mrs. Yazzie with majority vote.

V. Meeting Adjournment by Jerry Tsosie @ 7:50 p.m.

Posted by: Mary Ann Woody

Date Posted: 7-8-2015

Time Posted: 7:52 p.m.