

(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 August 07, 2016 at Mexican Water Chapter Multipurpose Building Complex 1 located 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.

Council Delegate reporting while waiting for quorum starting at 10:40 a.m.

He thanked the Chapter President for being a grazing representative and as chapter president for many years. We do need a secretary for this chapter too

Utah Valley Community college, Governor is having a Seminar which is 11th annual meeting. Our current governor might take the vote again. This meeting is starting on Monday up to Tuesday and people are leaving today.

Budget session all month for Council

25th is Nabikiyati meeting

26th is Yavapai meeting

Position statement that we stand with is Utah Water Rights which is at Washington. Obama is going out soon and is supporting Mrs. Clinton who stands and supports American Indians

We are thankful for the rain; it was a heavy rain and thankful, etc.

Revival with Thomas Rveeso and send Woody Lee there to attend and present a shawl

FY 2017 Budget is way less (shortfall) and has been talking about what was coming for the year 2017 and it is happening, etc.

There is coal it will always be there but Peabody itself went down, maybe it will come to surface as time goes and same with Oil.

Hydraulic Fracking, Delegate Hale says NO but we want to know if it is dangerous for people, research it scientifically and find out what it is. It went in as substitute legislation, oversight voted on it and resource/development committee also supported it. Research will end in December 1st and maybe with extension. Navajo Nation Oil/Gas will not do the research; it was there just for technical support, etc. They have Energy Task Force who will do the research. Resolute are saying they're not doing it

NHA came along way back and some people are against it and due to that, there are new employees and are being picked on. Money coming from Washington, Indian Housing Grant Dollars and give to Community Development who will work on housing, but the council don't want this to happen, etc. Tom Horse is supporting this and Veterans are having a lot of issues with money.

Friday went to Window Rock, Twin Arrow, this Siihasin money needs to be used right away.

Siihasin money will be used towards gas station, store and so forth but Oozee are the ones who are stepping in the way wanting the same thing with motel, etc. The plan is also police station and fire station.

Ground breaking will be coming forth soon

Through Nabikiyati – referendum vote regarding boundary, 78 council to 24 and short of five chapters, boundary and regionalization, eliminate some chapters, even though we have public hearing a lot of people do not understand it. What he stands on is it belongs to the community people not the Council so they are going to take it back to the people, state NO on the vote.

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Right now it's going towards the Council. Title 26 is chapter and council is title two and when we change it's not allowed, etc. It might be added as referendum vote in November but let everyone know. So talk about it and discuss it, Leonard Tsosie is the one that's pushing this but it is up to the people.

I. REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

- A. Call to Order by Jerry Tsosie @ 10:58 a.m.
- B. Invocation by David John, Chapter Vice-President
- C. Roll Call by secretary/treasurer for the record
- D. Approval of previous meeting Journal of Proceedings/minutes of July 10, 2016
Read by secretary/treasurer for the record
Motion for approval of the agenda by Esther Reddoor, second by Paul Atcitty with a vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried
- E. Approval of Agenda
Chapter President made a statement that all resolutions/requests should be added at the planning meeting and no addition should be made at chapter meetings. We don't have the resolutions in placed for the three items too. According to the policy all resolutions and additions are made at planning meeting. What if one community wanted the resolution to be read and we don't have it
Cassandra B. stated that it is right, when community request to be add on, they are told NO and so items should not be added at the chapter meetings, it is a policy so at the chapter meeting we discuss the items.
Read by secretary/treasurer for the record
Motion for approval of the agenda by Richard Yanito, second by Paul Atcitty with a vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, also accepting Council's and Cassandra's report and motion carried
Richard Yanito – it is read in English, should be read in Navajo, it will be read in Navajo when it comes to Resolutions
Cassandra B. – would like to make her report first due to traveling away from the area, requesting of the motion party.
Chapter President, will allow Council to finish his report and add Cassandra B. to do her report
Vice President – requesting the motion party to accept Council Delegate's report and Cassandra

II. OLD BUSINESS - none

III. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- A. **MWCAUG07-110** Approve to request the Budget & Finance (B&F) Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council to appropriate full funding for the 2017 (110) Navajo Nation Chapter's operations including chapter officials compensation and further supporting the Budget & Finance Committee recommendation to utilize \$1.3 million from fixed-cost programs to address chapter budgetary

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Motion for approval by Cassandra Beletso, second by Roy Hathalie with a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried
Chapter President elaborated on the above item in Navajo language

- B. **MWCAUG07-111** Veterans Organization request to relinquish its approving signatory authority back to the chapter officials for the expenditures of the 2008 Supplemental funding of Veterans Funds

Motion for approval by Paul Atcitty, second by Felicia Begay with a vote of, this motion died due to a substitute motion made for above item

Chapter President elaborated on the above item in Navajo Language

Thomas Poyer, restated mostly what he said at planning meeting. The total money is \$15,780.81 is there. We only have about \$52.00 for stipend. \$2,654.00 for archeological clearance, \$12,531.00 for renovation, Capitol expense/others is \$525.00.

Maybe re-budget or something, they are told no to this and that and have been going on for a while now. Relying on what the community will say, etc.

Roy Hathalie – He agrees with what Mr. Poyer said, they don't even receive their meeting stipend anymore too and it happened too many times.

Chapter President – according to Martha there is stipulation with it but don't know where this is. At the time the council stated that it is up to the Veterans to decide how to use it. There is another one that goes to the chapter with restricted fund and this supplemental funding is in there too, etc.

What he suggested is that to let go of the fund and give it to the Veterans, etc.

Vice President – this one belongs to the Veterans, due to misuse of the fund for some Mr. Wallace Charley was almost in trouble for it awhile back, etc. We do use the policy for budget and we get audited and this is a line item and belongs to Veterans, etc.

Chapter President – we are saying that the Late Bennie Begay Sr. has the policy. We are going to go back to 2008 chapter minutes and meet with Wallace Charley on Tuesday. He will do some research first before we go further on this issue

Paul Atcitty – we don't really know how or what it feels like to be out there protecting the US land but we are thankful for all Veterans, etc.

Richard Yanito – talking about Veterans money and policy. It is not right to give it up, keep the money and use it or let the Veterans use it.

Richard Yanito made a substitute motion to give the money back to Veterans, second by Gladys Begay with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried
Vice President suggested having the Veterans Re-budget and letting them use however they want, etc.

Secretary/treasurer suggested using the money for the four veterans requesting for home site lease and veterans memorial, it is not a lot of money.

- C. **MWCAUG07-112** Approve to request the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board (NRF) and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund (UNTF) Board of Trustee and the Utah Dine Advisory Committee (UDAC) to allocate \$700,000.00 each, totaling \$1.4 million from FY 2017 Non-Chapter fund to be used towards the construction cost to completely finance the Three Phase

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Power Line Extension Project that will serve the newly constructed MPB Complex #2 Senior Center public facilities located within San Juan County, Utah

Motion for approval by Cecelia Wallace for item **C, D, & E** second by Jerica Maryboy with a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Chapter President – these three were not added at planning meeting but up to the community

Thomas Poyer, thank the community for the vote on item B. He is making a motion for these three items to go back to planning meeting, second by Richard Yanito with a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, this vote failed

Secretary/Treasurer, object to moving these items to next planning meeting because we will be one step behind and slows down everything. Martha is thinking ahead and does a wonderful job with what she does.

Chapter President – if an item is very important to her she should be here and support and discuss these items with the community, etc.

Cecelia Wallace – is in support of having the Senior Center move forward and makes progress. She works with Senior Center and goes out to elders, etc. A lot of the roads are not good and need maintenance on these roads, if we move this forward we are just one step behind and white people are looking at us and they might want to request for the money somewhere else and here we are stuck instead of moving forward.

Jerica Maryboy – majority of this money that comes from Trust Fund, they have separate account and they only have like a million dollars but it's kind of first come and first basis for the chapters. If this financial year starts this month and miss out on this money than we have to wait until next year.

- D. **MWCAUG07-113** Approve to request the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board (NRF) and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund (UNTF) Board of Trustee and the Utah Dine Advisory Committee (UDAC) to allocate \$700,000.00 each, totaling \$1.4 million from FY 2016 Non-Chapter fund to be used towards the construction cost to completely finance the Utah Broadband Project to serve the Seven (7) Utah Chapters located within San Juan County, Utah
- E. **MWCAUG07-114** Approve to request the Navajo Revitalization Fund Board (NRF) and the Utah Navajo Trust Fund (UNTF) Board of Trustee and the Utah Dine Advisory Committee (UDAC) to allocate \$700,000.00 each, totaling \$1.4 million from FY 2016 Non-Chapter fund to be used towards the construction cost to completely finance the road improvement project as matching against the Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Tax (FET) Fund and the Betterment Fund that will serve the seven (7) Utah chapters priority road listings located within San Juan County, Utah
- F. **MWCAUG07-115** Approving to request the 23rd Navajo Nation Council, Budget & Finance Committee, Nabik'iyati Committee, Division of Community Development, Community Housing & Infrastructure Development/Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Program to allocate FY2017 funding of \$1,128,525.12 for the construction of a new three-phase power line extension to the 50 acre development site
Motion for approval by Sarah Yanito, second by Cecelia Wallace with a vote of 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and motion carried

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Chapter President elaborated on the item above in Navajo Language and elaborated on what or the purpose of the three phase, etc.

- G. **MWCAUG07-116** Approve to request the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to amend the client listing for the AZ Scattered Phase III Power Line Project and to add two (2) more clients and to provide and update cost estimate for preliminary clearances for right-of-way Motion for approval by Esther Reddoor, second by Richard Yanito with a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Chapter President elaborated on the above item

- H. **MWCAUG07-117** Approving to support and recommend to the Shiprock Service Unit Advisory Board to seek and obtain funding for a facility that will address Domestic Violence and the Mentally Challenge population against abuse (Social/Health Issue)

Motion for approval by Paul Atcitty, second by Freda Castillo with a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Vice President elaborated on the above item and in Navajo Language

IV. Reports/Approvals/Announcements

Yesterday all BIA took their equipment out to the affected area due to the hard rain we had. The old chapter roads are all washed out and Tsosie Tsinjinnie's trailer tipped over due to the wind in his area. Water lines are washed out in South Rock Point. It is mentioned that some of the roads are washed out and inform the Chapter administration; some people did worked on weekend looking into the damage and did assessment.

Shiprock Chapter declared emergency

Harry Descheeny, we have our own prayer, prayer for rain, for good life, etc. We need to all get together and pray, some of the goals from DC is all wrong, gay marriage is wrong, woman in DC, etc. Tsa'bikoooh somewhere near Shiprock, water washed out trees, some people were sitting on top of their homes and got saved, sheep washed out and one person in his truck washed down the wash believe he died but was found according to Mr. Descheeny.

Chapter President stated that there is a report of all incidents with the rain in the Navajo Nation police report. Everything is reported in this paper but make sure if you have a definite answer or information.

Secretary/treasurer, very thankful for the rain and my cornfield got watered. Take care of your children and don't allow them to play in the wash area.

Richard Yanito – a lot of rain and graded road are washed out, people moving into his area and where are the paper work, etc. When were these paperwork done and by whom? Grading has been done, there were petition in placed out on these area, etc. How come this particular person moved their trailer there?

Chapter President – A few years ago this dispute has been there and still on-going. People whose kids are making a living there already know it, they do have petition too. This was designated as grazing area; it is in land use plan. Alvin Tohtsoni is the one that did all this. The only way is to go back to court, etc.

A. Financial Reports (Attached)

1) Ratification of July 2016 Payroll Expenses of **\$24,048.13**

2) Ratification of July 2016 Chapter Official Stipend Expenses of **\$3,439.68**

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- 3) Ratification of July 2016 Vouchers Expenses of **\$61,130.16**
- 4) Budget Transfer /Modifications to cover expenses incurred July 2016
Motion for approval by Richard Yanito, second by Esther Yanito for above item 1 to 4 with a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

B. Approvals

- 1) AZ – Archaeological Clearance, CWhite
Motion for approval by Thomas Poyer, second by Esther Reddoor with a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried
Thomas Poyer stated that why is this only one person listed? What about the Veterans who are requesting, why can't they be added to this?
Chapter President, the cost of one person is about \$400.00 but if a group of 4 or 5 is cheaper about \$75.00 per person.

C Quarterly Reports (Written/Oral)

- 1) Council Delegate, Davis Filfred
- 2) Grazing Committee Representative, Curtis D. Yanito
- 3) UNHS, INC Health Board, Cassandra Beletso
Sept. 1, 2016 doing ground breaking for new clinic at Mossi.
August 24, 2016 Teddy Bear Day for children all day at Mossi
Our graduating students and college students who are out there off the reservation and sometimes they get sick and it cost money for them to go to the clinic. Some of them don't have insurance because they don't have jobs. Those students who use IHS are eligible to apply and IHS will pay for it and these papers can be picked up at the clinic. First semester grades have to be turned in and will get reapproved each time, etc.
Monday is Governor Seminar in Orem, Utah and board members are attending this meeting for Monday and Tuesday
Roy Hathalie – weekend accident, how is this going to be taken care of instead we have to go to Shiprock and elsewhere? Maybe open on weekends.
Response by Cassandra – Go to Blanding for after hours and service will be done and also within 72 hours report back to Montezuma Creek. She will take this question back to the board. CIB, Financial Analysis from college, and grade report from previous semester are attached to the application, it is also on internet for those who use internet also Utah Navajo Health System is on the website.
Thomas P. What about students from Arizona? Response was all students who are going off the reservation, from Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico and utilizing IHS.

- 4) Chapter Officials

V. Meeting Adjournment by Jerry Tsosie

Motion for approval of adjournment, all reports by Willimeno John, second by Roy Hathalie with a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and motion carried

Next planning meeting is on Sept.7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Next chapter meeting is on Sept. 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Posted by: **Mary Ann Woody** Date Posted: **8/7/2016**

Time Posted: **1:37 p.m.**