

Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2014

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a). Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by Mr. David Kedelty, Vice-President
- b). Pledge of Allegiance lead by Margie RS Begay, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
- c). Invocation volunteer by Mr. James Litson, Blackrock Community Member
- d). Review and Accept Agenda
Motion by David Tsosie, second by Stanley Kedelty
Reviewed
Resolution #5 should read both judges Chief and Attorney General
Votes: 24/00/04
- e). Review and Accept Minutes
Motion by Lorena Eldridge, second by Stanley Kedelty
Reviewed with the community with no questions.
Votes: 30/00/04
- f). Announcements:
 - December 8, 2014: Chuska Regional Council Meeting at Round Rock Chapter 10:00am
 - December 9, 2014: Veterans Meeting at the T/W Chapter House 5:00pm
 - December 15, 2014: CLUPC Meeting at T/W Chapter House 3:00pm
 - December 17, 2014: Farm Board Meeting T/W Chapter House 4:00pm
 - December 18, 2014: Local Senior Council Meeting at Tsaile Senior Center 10:00pm (correction 10:00am)
 - December 22, 2014: Office of Dine Youth Movie Night at T/W Chapter House 1:00pm
 - December 25, 2014: CHRISTMAS DAY – Chapter Office **CLOSED**
 - January 1, 2015: NEW YEARS DAY – Chapter Office **CLOSED**
 - January 5, District 11 Meeting at Lukachukai Chapter Meeting
 - December 16, 2014: NDOT Regional Transportation Meeting
 - Becky Nave Cling Voters Coalition Marching December 22, 2014 at 9:00am in Chinle
 - Yei Be Chi on Friday in Round Rock
 - Chuska January 8, 2014 at Rock Point at 9am

II. BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

1. Accepting the November 2014 Chapter Financial Reporting
Motion by Mildred Sliversmith, second by Marie White
Reviewed each item and remaining balance.
Questions/Comments/Recommendations:
ABrown: How many PEP positions are working now and how often are they switched because the same people are always working.
Votes: 33/00/07
2. Ratifications: Monetary Donation of \$50.00 each:
Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Lettie Nave
 - Jason Perry for travel expenses on December 2, 2014
 - Morgan Begay for medical appointment in Flagstaff December 4, 2014Votes: 37/00/05
3. Requesting Monetary Donation of \$50.00 each:
Motion by Thomas Litson, second by Lettie Nave
 - Alta Begay for medical appointment in Flagstaff on December 16, 2014: Presented herself for medical doctor recommendation for health and medical review schedule.

- Lucita Luckton for medical travel to Farmington, New Mexico: Presented herself for medical visit.
 - Catherine Benally for propane purchase: Presented herself for need to propane.
- Votes: 36/00/07

4. **RESOLUTION:** Supporting the continued operation of the Many Farms Community School, Inc., under P.L. 100-297 for a period of three years commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2018.
Sponsor: Jay R. Nez
Motion by Orlando Charley, second by Lettie Nave

Presented by Mr. Jay R. Nez, School Board Member with elaboration of information of former BIA to Grant School. By protocol of the Navajo Nation Education it is a request with
Questions/Comments/Recommendations: NONE
Votes: 38/00/05

5. **RESOLUTION:** Requesting the NN President, NN Vice-President, NN Council, Law & Order Committee and Navajo Election Administration to enact "Judicial Reform" to have all judges in the Navajo Nation to be elected into office and not be appointed. Sponsor: Paula Begay/Becky Nave Cling
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Angela Brown

PBegay: At the last meeting language change was to take place. Navajo Nation Council to review and consider the peoples voice.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

NJames: at the last meeting it is question and it should state Chief Justice and Attorney General.

PBegay: I questioned it and they only stated the Chief Justice.

Becky Cling: this is just a starting resolution and this reform was already initiated a few years ago but the Chief Justice is threatening the legal council that are speaking against him. That is why we are questioning our Council Delegate because he needs to take these resolutions. The Chief Justice is making all the rules.

NJames: The reason asking is that the positions are appointed.

ZJames: There are 3 of Chief Justice, Attorney General, Supreme Court Justice

RRedhouse: Supreme Court Judges to speak to all the judges.

KJohns: We support this resolution because a lot of people's voice is not heard and our votes are not considered. We need to have our voices heard. You as our Leader we need your input.

WBecenti: Are the Judges appointed? And all we hear is the Herb Yazzie, did the other judges have a say?

ZJames: Example the Chapter Officials I only sign the resolution and it goes same for them too.

BCling: you can go on the website and see if the other judges had a say.

RRedhouse: There are people saying they are not going to vote again.

DLitson: Are we voting for the Chief Justice or the 4 that are appointed.

ZJames: The only time appointment is made is when the position becomes vacant.

JLitson: I voted here and yet it was not considered. Appointed by the President

Stanley Kedelty motion to amendment to Title: , second by Angela Brown

Votes: 32/00/04 amendment change

Votes: 32/00/05 main resolution for acceptance.

6. **RESOLUTION:** Requesting the Navajo Nation Council to change the Language qualification for the Navajo Nation President and Vice-President to be consistence and same as the Navajo Nation Council Delegate Language qualification. Sponsor: Becky Nave Cling
Motion by Angela Brown, second by Sterlin Kedelty

Presented and read the resolution with interpretation. We are losing our language and if we don't want to lose it then we have to do something about it. In the future we can go back and put certain amount of Navajo spoken at that time.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

DLitson: Yes, we are losing our language. There are only 3 kids on Navajo that are fluent speakers. Maybe the resolution should read different. The President should have a higher level of speaker as the Judicial responsibilities. There is no law now that says we have to speak our language. The Council Delegate should have the same as the President not the other way around. We don't take the responsibilities to teach it now.

RRedhouse: When the Campaign stated I questioned if this person spoke and understood Navajo. Law and Order and the Elections should review and informed the candidates that these people are not qualified.

BLitson: There are many areas we hold this language as our elderly spoke the language and the Code Talkers used this language. Even if this is put into place it is not fair to Chris Deschenie for his lost of time and money. There are a lot of money that is being discussed now. This money should be used to build another school Dine Education by the Dine' College. If you run for any Leadership you should understand and speak the language. Yes, it hurts every day we tell our children to go to school and get an education. Chris is qualified he speaks Navajo, a veteran and Joe Shirley is only for favoritism. We need people that understand from the heart. We respect our leaders.

Substitute Motion by Dorothea Litson to amend the resolution title to: Qualification of the Navajo Nation Council and the Judicial be the same as the Navajo Nation President and the Supreme Court Judges be same, second by Bennie Litson

Votes: 31/04/07

BCling: What testing measure are you going to use to fluency?

NJames: Maybe you should take out the Navajo and only speak to Dine' Nation

RRedhouse: The biggest problem of the Navajo Nation is those that are not taking charge to correct it.

NBegade: Explained the reading of the Navajo Nation President qualification and also explained the qualification of the Navajo Nation Council. In addition, there is another legislation covering the Chapter Officials, Grazing, School Board.

BCling: will I don't want to present this resolution you write your own.

MWhite: Amendment is done and we all need to encourage to keep the Navajo language. We need to support the amendment.

BCling: I want to withdraw my resolution

Stanley Kedelty called point of order... the main sponsor of the resolution wants to withdraw it can happen now.

The main resolution is withdrawn by main sponsor Becky Nave Cling and therefore is GRANTED.

RESOLUTION: Requesting Trust Settlement Funds in the amount of \$2.3million Sponsor: Sponsor: Farm Board Committee

Motion by Sterlin Kedelty, second by Bennie Litson

Presented by Farm Board Committee funds proposal for the Farm Board 2.5million for equipment and manpower. This board presented to the Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee with what we have worked on and what proposals will be. There is a possibility of support but they want to know if the chapter supports.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

WBecenti: Your request of equipment is there a break down?

FBC: Yes, we have quotes and cost with areas to be worked.

SKedelty: During the planning meeting. We have purchased the equipment and never had it maintained. This cost needs to cover the maintenance cost. Meaning set aside funds.

FBC: The resolution already speaks to the maintenance and operation.

Votes: 20/00/13

7. **RESOLUTION:** Supporting and accepting the Canyon DeChelly Comprehensive Health Services.
Sponsor: Health Board Members
Motion by Lettie Nave, second by Sarah James

Committee Members: Ray Redhouse, Ivan Jones and Caroline Bemore, presented on the conversion to a 638 Contract. If this does not happen the Indian Health Services will take over. Feasibility study has been done in 2006. With record showing that we have capabilities to keep the finances in good standing. The Centers reports to us with best interest at heart. Staff are more than willing to do and go beyond their hours. Need for Doctors and other specialized position with housing.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

ABrown: If go 638 how is it to help us?

SJames: 638 has Board Members and other 638 are the same with no changes. Yes, we are informed that services will get better. This is speaking from experiences as I spend months in hospital. You don't get one doctor assigned you.

KJohns: I like the idea of better services.

DLitson: You have requested them to come here and at other times. With maybe only 1 person sitting here. When the Health insurance came they said there are about 90million to better the facilities.

LLuckton: When you view the newspaper there is a list of vacancies.

LNave: When I go to Tsaile, you wait and you never have the same doctor.

NBegade: Grant status is monitored and will request reauthorization. This is a leverage to handle. The concern is the reporting back to chapters and we need to know the federal monies granted us. There are pros and cons.

RESP: wait time why is it too long? They will develop a resource to address those areas as will as the Human Resources. A primary care you can sign up for.

KJohn: You can request for the same doctor.

Votes: 21/03/10

8. **RESOLUTION:** Respectfully requesting the BIA Roads Maintenance Department to repair the ROW Fencing and install gates on N13 for the need of Livestock Passages. Sponsor:
Motion by Becky Nave Cling, second by Orlando Charley
Votes: 28/00/02

9. **RESOLUTION:** Supporting the Navajo Nation Council Legislation of Pardon and Reinstate the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors. Sponsor:
Motion by Willis Becenti, second by Stanley Kedelty
Votes: 26/03/04

10. **RESOLUTION:** Requesting Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter to allocate \$6,475.00 to Tsaile Senior Center to purchase food for meals.
Motion by Lettie Nave, second by Lucinda Davis

The center has encountered limited funds by the NAAA which has caused limited food purchases. Have been taking a different avenue on the menu but have not limited the services for elderly.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

WBcenti: At the Twin Arrows conference the Chinle Agency 1.9 million. And Roslyn has said that there should not be a Senior Citizen closure. We need the Administrators here for reporting and answering our concerns. The funds are reimbursed and need to get the numbers.

ZJames: Have scheduled the meeting with NAAA but they want to get through the budget hearing.

NBegaye: I am wondering what people are doing? As of October 1 to September 2015 allocated funds of 2million. Recommend to move the resolution from the chapter and NAAA will be directed to go before the Budget and Finance Committee. Yes, the Chinle Agency and the NAAA Central Office does not work together. We can get the media to these meetings it is sadly to say that this is the only way they move. Can't see why they have run out of funds in 3 months.

LEldridge: Where is the budget coming out of?

CSC: Budget transfer needs to be made and the only thing is Sales Tax under the Farm Board Water Masters, Consultants, power line extension

WBecenti: How long can you operate without the \$6,000.00?

MTsosie: Probably January maybe 2 weeks.

Elderly: If the funds is being asked and we only get picked up on Tuesday and Thursdays but have not seen her over a month.

WBecenti: When you call the meeting it needs to be an open meeting and have the community hear. The people needs to hear what is trickling down.

ZJames: Minnie you need to document to the chapter.

KJohn: Sad to hear that the Center might be closed. To be on top of things as you all have worked too hard to close. I pray to god that that does not happen.

SKedelty: When you have this meeting you will need to request for documentation and should be in writing.

ZJames: The meeting minutes will come into play and we need to utilize the minutes.

Votes: 30/00/05

III. **REPORTS:**

Motion by Willis Becenti, second by LeAnne Thompson

1. Navajo Nation Election Office:

Mr. Virgel Atson of the Chinle Agency Election Office. Your questions of the Council Delegate position.

- Council Delegate voting on December 30, 2014 on Tuesday
- Early voting will open next week: Candidates for Nelson S. Begaye and Zane James
- Navajo Nation President is still in pending status due to suits.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations:

ABrown: Council Delegate you said you were going to step down what happen and you did not get to us.

NBegaye: Board of Election were dissolved and was told that I was still on ballot. I was told by Edison Waunkea that I was not on the ballot. It is really hard to run against your own nephew. According to the ruling only postpone the President position. The Board of Election Supervisor will be voted in and this is why Edison Waunkea started to run around. 10 days after the voting lapse and did not have time to for grieves. Orientation is scheduled and we will not be part of this as well as other Delegate positions. Even the Delegate Committee members we will not be part of. Because of these concerns I met with the Elections office and pose time and accepted.

CSC: People are saying they will not vote what happens? Is that their choice? Will they be perched?

RESP: the only way you will be perched not voting on a General Election not on a Special Election. It is your choice. However, if for any reason there is a Recall posed and you want to participate you will not be able too.

MBegay: Who will be responsible for this Special Election cost?

RESP: I had to run around for this information and I understand it will come from Navajo Nation Speaker's.

RKayonnie: You stand there and say we have rights and yet our voice was not considered.

RESP: I am only a worker and need to carry out the election information.

SKedelty: Council Delegate voting is on the December 30th right? Will this new resolution to pardon the Board of Election and will that effect the voting for Council.

NBegaye: The resolution has not been received by the council and therefore at this time there is no legislation.

LLuckton: This election if I should not favor one candidate and if I just signed what happens?

RESP: It is up to you. You can just receive your ballot and feed it into the machine.

BCling: What about the early voting that happened? And understanding at least 50% of the votes will count and the other is the Board of Election to confirmed.

RESP: Election documents is kept for five years, only the highest number votes gets voted in and I am not sure what will take place with the confirmation.

Lost Quorum 21 at 5:30pm

5:47pm ended the meeting by the President

Chinle Unified School District #24:

2. Council Delegate:
3. Chapter Resources:

IV. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** January 5, 2015 at 3:00pm

V. **ADJOURNMENT:**