

TSAILE – WHEATFIELDS – BLACKROCK CHAPTER
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
10:00 AM

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 10:26 am
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: VP Devon Begay lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Invocation: Annette Blackhorse lead the invocation.
- D. Review/Accept Agenda:

Motion) Adella Begaye 2) Frank Begay Vote: 27-0-4

Correction: Stanley Kedelty: The 'Received' stamp needs to change from 2016 to 2017, on Agenda for today's agenda.

Motion) Willis Becenti: Veterans Sacaton Event action-item under the \$84k needs to be modified to include additional travel fund.

President James: The additional travel funds will be handled administratively when the trip reports are submitted by the seven Veteran travelers.

Motion) Adella Begay: Save the Confluence action item moved from 10th spot to 2nd spot on the agenda in support of our presenters travelling from a great distance.

Secretary/Treasurer: Add action item 12 to agenda to appoint member for Navajo Nation Election Board of Supervisors.

- E. Review/Accept Minutes: Chapter Meeting Minutes January 17, 2017
Chapter Planning Meeting Minutes February 7, 2017

Motion to Accept) Anelda Kedelty Second) Annette Blackhorse Vote: 25-0-5

F. Announcements:

- Veterans Agency Meeting February 24, 2017, Chinle, AZ

- Financial Statements
- CLUPc Meeting, 3/12/17 at 1 pm
- CLUPc vacancy positions
- Lukachukai Chapter Meeting, 2/16/17
- Rock Point Chapter Meeting, 2/16/17
- Navajo Nation Council members travel to Washington, DC, 2/20/17 - IHS Funding
- Agency Council Veterans, 2/27/17, Fort Defiance, AZ
- NDOT Meeting, Drainage Analysis, 2/24/17, Tohajiilee, NM

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Action items:

1. (Resolution 1) Accepting and Approving the Corrective Action Plan Developed by the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Administration, Chapter Officials in Coordination with the Office of the Auditor General for Report No. 17-09 Conducted by the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General.

(Resolution 2) Accepting and Approving the Corrective Action Plan Developed by the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Administration, Chapter Officials in Coordination with the Office of the Auditor General for Report No. 17-11 Conducted by the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General.

Motion) Angie Brown Second) Marie White Vote: 36-1-8

President James: (Explanation) The historical information on the Audit.

Our first presenter is from the Office of the Auditor General. We discussed the presented Action Items at great length during the Planning Meeting. The reports conclude that the findings in the review were the responsibility of the late LeAnne Thompson. Currently, the Accounts Maintenance Specialist position remains vacant, and once the position is filled, our chapter will be more financially stable in accountability. (Explanation of Audit Report – Cash Receipts). The Corrective Action Plan will address our chapter’s path to financial stability. (Explanation of Audit Report – Cash Disbursements).

Once the CAP is accepted, the chapter resolutions will be attached to the accepted Corrective Action Plans for submission to the Navajo Nation Legislative process.

Alfreda Lee: Introduction. As the Chapter President explained, the explanation is consistent with our offices' processes and understanding. If the CAP is approved by the membership; the process will start at the legislative level, involving the Resource and Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. If the resolutions are approved, the chapter will have one year to comply with the CAP. If the chapter does not comply with the CAP, the chapter will face sanction status, involving chapter official sanctions and chapter budget sanctions. Are there any questions?

Stanley Kedelty: Introduction. There two areas of concern:

Chapters across the Navajo Nation are facing financial instability concerning fund and money management are not at-par to expectations.

- 1) Who has the authority to change the system? and 2) Who contracts out the financial systems?
 - a. The chapter financial reports are very insufficient, and the reports do not delineate the details of supporting resolutions, votes, and personnel responsible for the money and fund management. At the moment, the reservation-wide, chapter financial reporting system does not support the chapter, only that chapters communities are being indicated for the blame. Now, the chapter is being advised that there are consequences from the audits and CAP. When will the central government and agencies realize their fault in providing insufficient systems, and acknowledge their blame in the suffering of the chapter financial reports.
 - b. Training: Who provides training? Who oversees the operating activities of the chapter? To our communities understanding, the current state of chapter financials do not delineate the exact responsible parties for overseeing chapter operations.
 - c. Corrective Action: Place in the Corrective Action Plan (Supplemental). Our chapter is now faced with a CAP. I strongly recommend for better reports; and that training on chapter financial reports be added into the CAP. I would go as far as making a motion to add the two financial activities into the CAP. I reserve my standing to ask for further questions on the developments in regards to the CAP.

President James: Addressing Mr. Kedelty's concern. We will have further discussions in regards to training; the recommendation is listed on our agenda as action item #9. Chapter funds and monies are recorded in the MIP accounting

software system. The chapters receive funds that are entered into the MIP system, and the MIP system is able to record all user access. Based on the MIP user ID access recorded by MIP is available on the MIP accounting software system. Chapter MIP accounting software system is made available by ITG, based in Albuquerque, NM; serving 103 of the 110 Navajo chapters. Based on the large group of Navajo Chapters utilizing MIP, no contract exists between ITG and Navajo Chapters, or with the Navajo Nation. The non-existence of a contract between ITG and the greater Navajo Nation is a noticeable alarm that warrants an immediate correction.

The owner of the MIP – ITG, mentioned that if chapters officials and chapter staff were to annually meet with MIP – ITG, audit findings would be greatly reduced. I posed the question to the owner of MIP – ITG, what are the stipulations of the contract? How does the contract outline the assistance of an annual meeting for chapter officials and staff with MIP – ITG? The owner responded that no contract exists, only the agreement of a handshake between MIP – ITG and the Navajo Nation.

To-date, the chapter staff continues to experience problems with MIP – ITG, and our CSC, Paula Begay, will call the MIP – ITG helpdesk for assistance. MIP – ITG will charge for every 15 minutes that an individual chapter utilizes, not at a group, negotiated price for assistance. The current MIP – ITG fees for helpdesk assistance is an astronomical cost of fees that chapters must pay to MIP – ITG, and the disparity between the benefits to pay the fees are not profitable to the chapters, as it is highly profitable for MIP – ITG.

I propose that the Division of Community Development be highly involved throughout the formal contract process between MIP – ITG and the Navajo Nation. I plan to present the case for a formal contract between MIP – ITG and the Navajo Nation to all our neighboring chapters.

The formal contract is to prevent embarrassing situations as experienced by our chapter's audit; and how will our chapter help other chapters to fix the system. I am committed to fixing the system. I continually stress, as the need for a formal contract, and please note that I continue to work in the best interest of the chapter community. This is the first step in a nation-wide effort for efficient systems. Our Navajo Nation has so many needs to rectify their accountability in regards to fund management for Veterans, Social Services, Navajo Area Agency on Aging, and Workforce Development. We are committed to rectifying accountability. We shall move forward with the rectifications for accountability.

I hope this will shed light on corrective plans already in motion to rectify our nations accountability, i.e., a formal contract.

Delegate BeGaye: Addressing correction to agenda title to “Accepting and Approving Audits conducted by the Auditor General’s Office to the resolutions before us today.

The chapter audit findings were utilized in formulating the Chapter’s CAP, and the CAP was framed by the chapter officials, staff, and the Office of the Auditor General. After the chapter membership accepts the CAP, the accepting resolution will be combined with the CAP for further legislative processes. Our chapter has one year to prove compliance to the CAPs to avoid sanction; that if the chapter is sanction, chapter sanction fund amounts will be reduced below non-sanction chapter fund amounts.

Has the community motioned to accept two resolutions for chapter CAP acceptance? Thank you for your attention.

President James: Reads the proposed Resolutions descriptions for the chapter to accept the CAPs. I posed the question for guidance, and received a response that two separation resolutions, one resolution each for the CAPs.

Yes, there are two distinct resolutions for each of the CAPs, as previously stated. Could we possibly combine the two resolutions in our vote to approve both resolutions for the CAPs; and our Delegate will be able to present the both resolutions and CAPs for the legislative process without any delay.

Willis Becenti: Number 11 Audit – page 1, graph shows \$1.2 million minus \$900k, where 40% of allocation was expensed. Budget to Actual Report, \$329K. The disparity is in question.

The differences between the chapter’s MIP financial reports and the Auditor General’ MIP chapter financial report is a large amount of \$271k. The discrepancy between the Auditor General’s financial source documents and the chapter’s financial source documents are not consistent, the financial numbers should match, it is plainly visible. The financial figures in the chapter’s budget are incomplete. I have many questions on the prior procedures of the chapter’s budget process. How did the budget not reconcile?

Alfreda Lee: Thank you for the question. There are many possibilities that the Auditor General’s and chapter financial documents are not consistently similar, the posting might have been inaccurate. During the audit review, the report might be inaccurate, the auditors utilize the current financial documents from the funds from Window Rock, system, bank documents, and local documents, during the start of the audit to reconcile the financials. The financials are accurate based on the audit.

The report you are referring to is an inaccurate report.

Willis Becenti: So, it should have evened out at the end of the year? The end of September. If everything was coordinated, there would be no disparities among all the reports.

Alfreda Lee: It depends when the chapter reconciled everything. When the Auditor's staff were on their fieldwork, they might have notified the chapter staff that the financials were (inaudible).

Willis Becenti: That is a big number, \$270k.

Alfreda Lee: The number to look at the balance sheet is actually in the bank account at any given point. The Income statement provides the source of the funds received, and the expenses draw on those funds, and what is available. The budget to actual, is already recognizing the incoming funds that have not been actually received by the chapter. I suspect that the budget to actual report you are referring to was inaccurate at the time.

Willis Becenti: The budget to actual reports remains inaccurate. The budget to actual report to-date is still the same, if a reconciliation did occur with the addition of new funds, the budget to actual would have changed.

Alfreda Lee: It depends, the timing difference, even if the March budget shows inaccurate numbers, later on it was fixed. When other financial transactions are entered, the budget becomes more accurate. The budget only shows what going on in March, it does not show when it was fixed. The prior financials statements are inaccurate and cannot be utilized as a reference.

Willis Becenti: So, our system is not accurate.

Alfreda Lee: The accuracy of the financial report is shown when entries are posted and reconciled.

President James: The previous, elected administration was not accurately trained in the current MIP accounting system. I remained focused on receiving training in the MIP system, and the current MIP provider should provide extensive training to all Navajo Nation Chapters. I strongly believe the extensive, nation-wide MIP training will help other chapters avoid an embarrassing situation that our chapter is currently experiencing from the outcomes of the audit.

Our current elected administration and staff are committed to correcting the chapter financials.

Annette Blackhorse: Computers are complex, as stated by another constituent, the user of the computer completes and finalizes the computer's final action.

The MIP system cannot be the sole source of the inaccurate entries. Cash monies are actually missing. We never witnessed the late LeAnne Thompson present chapter financial documents to the community; and unable to rebuttal against the audit reports. Prior official, administration, and other Navajo Nation agencies were neglectful in their duties to ensure the entire budget process was not transparent and accountable.

The current claim that the recent audits are comprehensive is not accurate comprehensive. I believe a request for an investigation to be conducted is in order because the current audits do not include other areas of chapter funds. Where are the funds, the questionable amounts are large amounts.

If an investigation is completed, all concerns will be cleared, and all questioned actions can be exonerated

Alfreda Lee: Thank you for your comment. When the audit was conducted, all the funds were reviewed: housing, PEP, as described in the audit reports, expenses, all procurements for services, Sales Tax, Travel, emergency, Capital Outlay, PEP – through the 18 month period. The funds with issues, were the findings. Audits were conducted to be comprehensive. Could it be that the complexities of accounting are too great for current users to understand? The findings with Cash Receipts were missing documents and signatures; the former AMS was responsible. And the lack of knowledge by the users in accounting principles and software be a major problem?

Ethics and Rules conducts investigations, and the current audits were delivered to the Office of Ethics and Rules, and they will determine if an investigation is needed. The current request for eight years of audit review is not conveniently possible because the source documents will most likely not be available.

The Auditor General's Office made a good faith effort, and I have confidence in the reconciliation of the current budget, and other financial figures will shift to greater accuracy.

President James: (Explanation) The audit process, to my understanding. The current audits could potentially be handed over to Ethics and Rules, the White Collar Crime Unit; which I believe, Mr. Jumbo did not cover the process of potential steps after an audit. We are not stating that the computer is at fault.

We made mistakes, and we acknowledge them. Starting from today, we wish to move forward, as we hope the community will join us.

Ernie Yazzie: 1) Accounting software the same as Auditor? 2) Do you work with the banks? For checks, and cash-flow.

Alfreda Lee: We do have access to bank statements from two years back, and we have been reviewing statements every three months. We have access to the accounting systems for review, and we download the information.

Angie Brown: Constituents are aware that there were inaccuracies in the chapter financials; and the community is entitled to request a comprehensive audit for eight years. The prior request for a comprehensive audit was approved and requested. The request is History of 2016 Audit – the audit is very limited. The request was downgraded to a limited Scope of Work (SOW), with a narrow SOW focus that in terms of time periods. The current audits are special audits, not at the request of the community; the audit request by the community was for a comprehensive audit.

Prior to the current chapter audits, we met with Navajo Nation agencies – Division of Community Development and the Auditor General. The agencies were not able to provide clear and accurate answers to our inquiries. We will vote to re-affirm the comprehensive audit, which was requested in resolution in 2015. The current audits are narrow SOWs completed, and erroneously interpreted as comprehensive audits.

The request for extensive community training on financial documents is needed.

All the action-items should be grouped together as our discussion is on the audit. I mentioned training in the prior month. There are other chapter funds that are now questionable, based on certain funds that are now in question.

Alfreda Lee: Thank you for your concern. I thank the community for being here, and having a strong sense of correcting a community concern. Auditor General mentioned that the chapter will have to do the comprehensive audit utilizing chapter funds. The chapter would benefit to focus on utilizing current funds for other programs and projects. If the community wishes for a comprehensive audit on

several million dollars, it will cost an approximate amount of \$55k. Chapter funds are limited, and we hope our audit will appease all concerns, and the hope is for the community to invest the \$55k in another community concern. An outside audit firm can perform the audit, but if there are missing documents, the firm will conclude that the SOW is inauditable; a comprehensive audit cannot be performed.

President James: I believe the concern is that current audits are not comprehensive audits. I called the Auditor General to ascertain if the audits were comprehensive. Auditor General re-affirmed that the two conducted audits were comprehensive. Multiple concerns and understandings interpret the audit through many lenses, and all will be revealed and set in order.

There are many obstacles to reconcile when the community is concerned on an issue that is not readily solvable, causing sleepless nights and other disorders. Elected leaders face the heavy burden of solving community concerns, and we are well aware of the mantle of burden when seeking election. I hope we will move forward in a positive direction as a community.

The request for a comprehensive audit is being considered for another round. However, we have so many issues that address community concerns to consider before we consider the expense for a comprehensive audit. Lukachukai Community School has an audit process that our chapter could follow a similar process. Place an automatic budget for future audits; the community will decide the outcome. An unbiased presentation and request for an audit is needed, as there is a sense of bias activity when the issue of an audit is presented.

Recount that when the first audit report for cash receipts was documented and released, the first sentence noted that I called the Auditor General to request an audit. Additionally, the chapter requested for audits throughout the prior administration. Be reminded that our presenter, Alfreda Lee, mentioned that the Auditor General's staff is limited; that being so, when funds are missing, they will quickly respond, and they have done so for our chapter. Again, in the first Audit Report, I called to request for an audit. I repeatedly requested. Our CAP is set, and we will faithfully pursue for the completion of the CAP.

Stanley Kedelty: The current concern is the computer.

The computer is a tool; and who is the main user for the computer and accounting entry system? A complete system, attached laws, and contract, is in order for further corrective action.

Audit has been completed, deficiencies are identified, and we have a correction plan.

Bennie Litson: Introduction. The Auditor General representative presented well on the Audits. If the leadership is focused on the positive aspects of chapter development, and the financial concerns are a valid focus since the CAP is now here, we should move forward without further delay to become a certified chapter. The reservation is full of financial issues that need addressing, as our chapter must re-direct our entire focus on chapter development and growth without redundant issues.

The audit was completed with findings, and the past is gone. If we choose to move further in the same route, as there are many barriers that need to be corrected before a clean path is obtained, as our own extensive, central government needs extensive correction.

The deficiencies and questionable funds were identified, all questionable activities occurred, what else can be done? Put a stop to all further activities on resolving audit concerns. We can move forward for the future, this is my vision. The concerns will only cause upheaval and discourse in the community.

There are other funds we can obtain, and we can find those funds; and I recommend we no longer address the Audit issue.

**Motion Cease Debate on Audit: Motion) Bennie Litson 2) Lucinda Davis
Vote: 20-16-6**

Vice President Begay: Planning Meeting recommendations need to be discussed.

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: 1) Responsible Party discussion – the primary and secondary responsible parties to become non-compliant with the CAP.

Vice President Begay: 1) Responsible Party discussion – the broad title is to help assist in compliance.

MIP access will allow us to have a greater detail of the Balance Sheet.

Adella Begaye: I do not appreciate the cease on the debate. Cease on Debate is mistitled, this is a discussion. The short term Scope of Work is in question during the audit review. The overall system from the chapter to the central is deficient, and requires an extensive overhaul. The eight-year Audit is lengthy, I believe a limited audit review will cost less than the overall.

Ernie Yazzie: CAP is a bit mismatched, and not sufficient enough. Strongly believes that the responsible party must be identified as an exact individual, without broad identities. Is the CAP a working copy?

Alfreda Lee: The CAP is designed to accommodate an unexpected change in personnel. The CAP is a working copy.

Ernie Yazzie: The entire overhaul of the accounting system, and identified personnel for entry purposes are needed

Angie Brown: Based on your presentation, my faith in the Auditor General's office is waning. According to the prior presented budgets, our chapter had funds for audit fees and expenses. I am not persuaded that the central offices are not fully supporting the principles of transparency, accountability, and duties of responsible adherence to laws, policies, and procedures. If the Auditor General and the other offices are not interested in the enforcement of audit findings, we will remain in the same state that we find ourselves currently, and in the future. If we let go of all the questionable funds today, we will never be corrected. We long for the future that might have been, that could have been possible if the funds were not diverted.

Alfreda Lee: The Auditor General re-affirms her stance, and stands by her audit. We did our best. My own chapter is suffering, Sawmill Chapter is at the mercy of inclement weather. Auditor General takes care of the all the Navajo agencies and government, with a limited staff.

Willis Becenti: The audit needs a limited scope of time, not the entire eight years. I did not say that someone stole money, I stated that there are missing funds. We need to 'zero-out' the budget; the recently elected officials will have the misfortune of being stigmatized with an unresolved audit. The budget \$55k to complete an audit, funds was available, only \$13k remains.

Our oscillating budget continuously shifts without chapter approval.

Annette Blackhorse: I am deeply concerned. Not every community member is able survive on their current finances. Through my work, community members share their story of hardships. Their experiences do not include assistance from the chapter, rather, the chapter did not assist. I am concerned for our suffering community members.

Alfreda Lee: Thank you. Your concerns are noted. The Office of the Auditor General referred the Audit Findings for the Cash Receipts to the Office of Ethics & Rules for further consideration if an investigation will be warranted.

Annette Blackhorse: Requests of the Council Delegate to move on the Ethics & Rules office referral, and remain unbiased throughout the entire process.

Victoria Notah: Introduction. Where money is concerned, there is a valid reason. However, if another perspective used, “Money kills,” our elders, including the late Philip Benally, similar to alcohol, that we should not concern ourselves with lost money. We are concerned for our children, land; with natural settings, and other regions of the world are not natural. I prefer a community nestled in a natural environment that is void of buildings and industry. The chapter should focus on developing development for natural sustainability for. Why are we bothering to resolve the Audit? Missing money?

Since our birth, we each made mistakes in our lives. “Nobody is perfect. Everybody makes a mistake.” This focus to resolve the audit and missing money is not leading the community in a correct manner.

The ‘White Man’ holds money to entice us, as with candy. We are all guilty of focusing our attention to obtain money in any manner possible, at the cost of our individual principles. What about our elders and children’s welfare? The Chapter’s focus is misplaced on trying to resolve the lost money. Our leaders mentioned that they are here to assist. We voted for the elected officials.

All the activities of our chapter’s financial misfortune were created long before many of us were born. The recent Audit findings are finally coming to light and uncovered. No one individual is the sole and only-responsible individual for the chapter’s financial missing monies.

Every individual in our community is at fault for the missing money, we all received chapter monies and assistance. We were instructed to never complain about land, as there are consequences; we are stewards, we cannot take land with us to the after-life.

Let LeAnne rest in peace. Leave her past chapter financial activities alone, and cease the process for resolving the missing money. Why are you starting to place blame on one individual? Leave LeAnne and her family alone. Learn to speak with words of kinship.

Stop blaming each other. The entire attempt to Resolve the Missing Money was put to a vote of a Cease on the Debate/Discussion. “Let us put a stop to it,” there are muddy roads, many of us must travel.

Let us move forward, there are many other issues at hand.

Additionally, when an individual is presenting before a community, especially at a chapter meeting (addressing Alfreda Lee, Sr. Auditor, Auditor General’s Office – remains present at meeting), there is much expensed energy concerning money. A

financial person receives much unwarranted comments during presentations. Deaths have occurred because of money issues.

“Let it go, let it be. Let’s go, continue on with our life.” Here are elders are asking, and children. There is a child present, we should not speak of such issues.

The Auditor General has the documents. There is no rush at the moment, as the culprit for the lost money cannot be found today, it will be discovered not next month, not next year.

The computer is at fault, many of you heavily depend on the computer for our current meeting records, I suggest you take a paper tablet to record your meetings as a back-up.

I fully presented my comments, concerns, and views. Our chapter meetings should focus on the goals of community development and growth.

Money is re-placable, you can work and earn more. We only see a person in one life time. We can see money any time throughout our lives. Let the process work in Window Rock.

Thank the Auditor General Representative for presenting, even if a lot of the community members and those in attendance do not understand.

Thank you to all in attendance.

2. (Resolution) In supporting Bodaway/Gap Chapter Grazing Permittees, Local Land Users and Residents Confronted by the Grand Canyon Escalade Project.

(Attachment A – Facts & Truths)

Motion) Bennie Litson Second) Willis Becenti Vote: 30-0-6

Larry Foster: Introduction. We are from Bodaway Chapter, and we continually stress our kinship with our relatives in the Tsaile – Wheatfields – Blackrock Chapter. In 1992, my nephews were in the military and participated in U.S. military campaigns; and we prayed protection prayers at the Confluence Area. Prior Navajo veterans attest to have performed similar protection prayers for Navajos in the military.

There are construction plans at the highest levels of government, Navajo and outside, that did not consult the local people.

The Confluence construction is being planned on sacred sites to the Navajo People. We are unable to address our concerns to Central Navajo offices and Legislative Committees. The Central Government is not providing the time to listen to our concerns, as there are certain government officials dedicating a large amount of their effort to the realization of the Escalade construction. Our leaders are not listening to the growing concern and effort to discontinue the Escalade Construction. Additionally disheartening is the proposed \$65 million to be given to the outside contractor for the construction for less than miniscule return profits to the Navajo people

Resolution that supports the grazing permit holders to oppose the Escalade Construction, would be most helpful to our opposition efforts.

Presentation of Confluence video.

Renaë Yellowhair: Reference on sacred sites. Help us oppose the Confluence Construction. I recall many memories about the devastation experienced by the communities of Western Navajo Agency, and my experiences in social justice stems from my work and presentations on Bennet Freeze.

Frank Kedelty: Introduction. Thanks to all in attendance. We viewed the Confluence video; and the presentation seems to be a tad-bit bias. We understand that the Confluence Area is sacred, and reaffirmed by our elders. We also hear that there are Non-Navajo bathers and swimmers who are completely unaware of our spiritual reverence for the Confluence Area. We will vote on the issues; and we wish to address the benefits of economic developments. Is there a parallel plan to satisfy economic development?

In our own community, we are faced with our own desecration of our natural environment, i.e., wood cutting roads.

Many times, we encounter issues where Veterans are included as stakeholders to advance an issue, as such was invoked in the presentation. Momentarily ago, my daughter (Victoria Notah) mentioned our passed relatives to rest in peace. I am curious as to how the economic development plans are being addressed along with your presentation.

Main Question: What is the plan for economic development.

Renae Yellowhair: We included the desecration of our sacred site by Non-Navajos; a supported by neighboring chapters.

Stanley Kedelty: Distance relative on mother's side was married to a family near the Confluence area. The retold stories mentioned that the Confluence area is a sacred site, as well as Natsis'aaan mountain.

Other sacred sites have been desecrated by development, i.e., Mt. Taylor skiing development, etc. President Obama was able to assist in the Bear Ears National Monument.

Are there strategic plans that might assist in your opposition to the construction of the Escalade project.

Lorraine Johnson-Sorrell: Introduction.

I understand the frustration of the Western Agency Navajos, in regards to the encroachment of construction that was not desired by the local community. Construction interests usurped the land from the community.

When the construction of Diné College arrived, there was very few people who opposed. Recently while I was tending to my sheep, there was a large pit full of trash and disposals. I took pictures, but they were lost.

The minutes for the plan in addressing this present concern will not be highly effective, as we hope. The enticement of shared profits is only a lure that will not benefit the entire Navajo people. Dine' College has not utilized the entire land-use.

The central government and agencies do not read the minutes, they are pursuing their own agenda and placing effort into activities not supported by the local communities. The Council Delegate is "in-charge," and will decide

The people's government is non-existent, so it seems, when the people are not being heard.

Adelle Begaye: Introduction. My daughter and I invited our present speakers, and agreed to sponsor their cause to seek our chapter community's support.

I am not a medicine practitioner, however, I am aware of our people's spirituality. Our environment is sacred to us, our Mother Earth, and we find the inalienable truth

that we protect the Earth, and the Earth protects us. All Indigenous peoples share in the same truth in embracing the same truth.

If other individuals are being unethical, this does not give us individual license to participate in unethical behavior. Economic development is not a promised figure as presented, rather we are being lured into an economic pitfall for very short-term, microscopic gains.

I will defend the sacred sites. The benefits of being ethical cannot be compromised, particularly being Indigenous. If our environment is ruined, we have no place to find refuge and a new home.

Robyn Jackson: Introduction. We contacted Mr. Foster and Renae Yellowhair. The community members have not been consulted. They are advocating for their land. Did research and it's obvious it is not something that will benefit the Navajo Nation or the people.

Delegate BeGaye: Nelson: Introduction. Albert Hale was the main champion for advancing the Escalade Construction. Similarly, the uranium mining in Churchrock Chapter faced similar opposition, after countless meetings, the mining program was halted with a moratorium.

To-date, Albert Hale is championing another construction project, the Escalade Construction. There are many conflicts between interested parties. It is obvious to notice that the primary motivation is financial gain.

United Nations Special Rapporteur will be visiting the Navajo Nation next week to discuss all the issues that are concerns of a large magnitude.

3. Accepting the FY'2017 Annual Disbursement of Junk Food Sale Tax Funds in the Amount of \$22,496.00.

Motion) Thomas Litson Second) Stanley Kedelty Vote: 32-0-5

Dorthea Litson: Survey Assessment: 1) Walking Trail, 2) park, 3) indoor facility (wellness center to a multiple purpose facility), and 4) gardening.

At the Sunday Meeting, first Health Instructor & Fitness Trail - \$25,456K

Health Educator Wages: \$20k health educator (wage); \$5,459K Workshop supplies.

Stanley Kedelty: The particulars of the process are not quite clear, and would require further explanation and community participation in the decision making process. Furthermore, the nutritional history of our people must be considered.

President James: Last year, a Resolution was passed that support the Farm Board to design a fund management plan for the Unhealthy Food Sales Tax.

4. (Resolution) CUSD IEC member selection

Motion) Willis Becenti Second) Adella Begaye Vote: 31-0-2

Nelson Claw: Johnson O'Malley requires that the IEC member must have a child or guardianship as a student of the CUSD to be an IEC member (census is a must).

Recruitment for CUSD IEA member announcement.

President James: Referring to the past CUSD IEC member, and the reasons for ending the term early was due to the Johnson O'Malley requirements for each IEC member was being enforced.

Jaren Benally: Expressed interest in the CUSD IEC.

Nelson Claw: Presented small description of CUSD IEC member responsibilities.

Tsaile Elementary School is ranked in the Top 5 for Arizona. Chinle Unified School District, number one school across the Navajo Nation.

****deferred to March Meeting****

5. (Resolution) Recommending the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Approve the Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Community Cemetery Plan of Operation.

Motion) Willis Becenti Second) David Kedelty Vote: 34-0-2

Paula Begay: Explanation of the Community Cemetery POO.

****Remembrance of LeAnne****

Victoria Notah: Referring to recent application of chapter membership status as a requirement for purposes of burying the body in the community cemetery.

Paula Begay: Responding to Cemetery POO question posed by Victoria Notah. That the current POO does not have a community, chapter membership requirement.

President James: Community Cemetery POO is a working document that can be amended as needed by the community.

6. (Resolution) Accepting the FY'2017 Annual Disbursement of Retail Sale Tax Funds in the Amount of \$84,262.00.

Motion) Thomas Litson Second) Angie Brown Vote: 34-0-2

President James: The remaining, unbudgeted \$84k Sales Tax 2017 of which \$39k is available balance for the community to decide a commitment of earmarking the remaining balance. At a recent Navajo Division of Transportation meeting, the future of Route 8077 was presented for potential improvement. Many of pre-requirements for clearances are complete – Findings of No Significant Impact. Blackrock Community Road needs to be fixed, NDOT requires an H&H study – to determine the flow of water to determine the size of the culverts.

January 23, 2017, the cost for 10 miles of drainage analysis approximately costs \$70k; per email from Marlinda, we can find money, if there is money available. Wilson and Annie Gene, Blackrock Community members presented their dire cases of inaccessible road conditions during the recent, heavy snowfall. The road improvement cannot wait till next year, I propose that we focus our efforts to start the road improvement starting this coming summer. If the chapter is able to contribute matching funds, NDOT is able to enact a change order with a current vendor on their current SOW to include the RT 8077 for H&H analysis.

If the chapter is able to match funds to the \$60k, the reduction for the mobilization cost is removed while the vendor is nearby.

Friday, 2/10/17, mile cost \$440k dollars; NDOT is to prepare a cost estimate. \$440k dollars is the cost to improvement the road with gravel, \$4.4 million for 10 miles on RT 8077. The request to gather the cost estimate was given to NDOT to prepare a presentation to the Siihasin Sub-Committee for their meeting on 2/24/17 at To'hajiilee, NM. We will depend on our council delegate to present the proposal to the Siihasin Sub-Committee. The procurement process is readily accessible while the vendor is nearby, and the State of Emergency will make our road improvement case

self-evident. Allow this work to begin this summer; and completion for next winter preparation.

Navajo Nation Council is proposing \$216 million for a Road Stimulus, and NDOT requires that all clearances must be completed before road projects commence. Our chapter must be fully prepared by completing all clearances, and the funding will readily occur for our community.

At the February 2017 Planning Meeting, we discuss the community cemetery funding as a consideration for fund. However, the road to the proposed cemetery is not complete. The process now includes the following:

- Hire a consultant on easement in regards to the cemetery.

Willis Becenti: Agrees with the plan. Easement to the cemetery, CLUPc has funds available in their budget when discussed the other day.

Delegate BeGaye: there are funds in the Siihasin Fund, and certain amounts of funds have been earmarked. Other agencies are more willing to fund projects when requestors are willing to provide matching funds. NDOT is preparing an inclusive budget where requestors providing matching-funds are part of the budget. The chapter's proposal for RT 8077 road improvement can be included in the budget for the Siihasin Sub-Committee.

Annette Blackhorse: Yes, I support the earmark of the remaining balance to be applied to the propose RT 8077 road improvement. I witnessed the hardship of two Blackrock Community members describing their plight during inclement weather conditions.

Adella Begaye: I have a question, is the earmark to be for the study analysis; and the \$4.4 million is for the actual road improvement construction.

President James: Yes. Your understanding of the current action-item is correct.

7. Chapter Comprehensive Audit (Re-Affirm December 2015 Resolution)

Motion) Angie Brown Second) Orlando Charley Vote: 12-16-5

Willis Becenti: My action-item was already presented.

Adella Begaye: Will we continue to pursue the audit request for eight years? Or

another timeframe.

Angie Brown: The timeframe would be before and after LeAnne's employment

Adella Begaye: \$55k is a lot of money to request for another audit.

Angie Brown: We had the \$55k in our chapter budget.

Willis Becenti: The timeframe for the current audit reviews and findings do not do justice for the current understanding that only the timeframe of the late LeAnne's employment was reviewed. The entire Navajo Nation, as stated, is in a state of financial accountability and transparency crisis – Veterans Funds and Housing Funds. To-date, all our fund managers and those with the fiduciary responsibility do not know the accurate account of all Navajo Nation funds and monies.

Dorthea Litson: I present my inquiry on the CAP, I am not fully aware of how the CAP was formulated. My understanding, and my concern for the community; in the January 2017 Planning Meeting, I witnessed the Auditor General present the 18 month and 66 month audit reports. The audit findings were presented, and the corrective action in the CAP is what is to be presented for the community. There is no good reason that we should recommit to another audit, further chapter resources would have to be recommitted to an already costly, difficult, and complex financial audit process.

I look forward to the future, that the chapter will incorporate a scheduled audit process, where funds are committed as a plan. Why must we conduct another audit, when the Office of the Auditor General of the Navajo Nation completed an audit. Have more faith in the abilities of Auditor General that they provided a comprehensive Audit. Our Navajo people studied to become knowledgeable in the audit process; how could we doubt their efforts.

I repeat, the Auditor General presented in our last meeting and described the audit findings. Later, the Gallup Independent presented the chapter's audit report, and I am being asked on the validity of the newspaper article. What I did not like in the newspaper article was the printed statement of "misuse of funds...\$100k." Why did the Auditor General provide a different audit report to the chapter, that was later disclosed differently to the Gallup Independent newspaper.

The inconsistency of the audit reports presented to the chapter and printed in the Gallup Independent is causing a division in the community, that is of no benefit to the community.

The future holds many opportunities for further development, and we should focus our efforts on the future, and move forward.

Delegate BeGaye: The language of December 2015 Resolution is to re-affirm where the community is to review the language that is already in place, and passed as a bonafide resolution. We must be aware of the language in the December 2015 Resolution.

At the time of the Auditor General's presentation, there was the understanding that there are two paths for a chapter to receive an audit: 1) we can commit our money to conduct an audit, or 2) we submit a request to be included in the Auditor General's audit review budget during summer budget sessions.

The possibility for placing the audit review in the Auditor General's audit review budget is feasible; and we would need to review the language of the December 2015 Resolution.

Annette Blackhorse: December 2015 Chapter Resolution was passed. The comprehensive audit was requested at that time after questionable financial activities were being presented, thereafter, no action was taken on the community's request. It was only after the passing of LeAnne, that the sudden action for an audit was in process. We already requested the audit, and the audit would serve as a start for the chapter Local Governance Act certification process. To-date, the December 2015 resolution never materialized for the community to refer to as a course of action to continue with the processes.

How is it that chapter membership is willing to let go missing money, yet the chapter membership is stating that we cannot afford an audit, so let go of the audit. Which is it? Do we get that money back? Or Not? The available funds are not being offered as available; the audit histories are not consistent. I wish for a complete disclosure.

President James: The Auditor General's representative mentioned in her earlier presentation that the Office of Ethics and Rules was given the referral to look into the audit reports. The Office of Ethics and Rules will determine if there will be an investigation to ascertain the potential need to press charges.

In my view, I believe that the chapter community's December 2017 Resolution for a comprehensive audit was fulfilled by the current audits conducted by the Auditor General. The chapter membership will put a vote to pursue the re-affirmation or not.

In my mind, I believe we got that free, the December 2015 audit request was fulfilled.

Now, the question for a comprehensive audit review is on the table.

We asked the Auditor General if our audit review was a comprehensive audit. The Auditor General stated that our current audit reviews are comprehensive. We will place the re-affirmation before the community to vote on re-affirmation or not; in the stance of a tie-vote, I will cast my vote.

Frank Kedelty: I have a question. The chapter audit cost, even if 'free,' how much would an audit cost? The recent discussions spoke of matching-funds. Could we be able to match funds for an audit?

President James: The Auditor General's representative mention that the Auditor General will not be able to expense for another audit. All future audits will have to be paid from chapter funds.

Secretary/Treasurer Nata'ani: Explanation of Audit. The Audit only explains the chapter's deficiencies in the financial processes, without an exact location of where the questioned funds are located. To locate the questioned funds, an investigation must occur.

The presented financial reports are inaccurate, if the chapter continues to utilize the current financial reports, the reconciliation for future purposes will continue to remain inaccurate.

Recommends to table the action-item while the current processes are continuing to be reviewed by all stakeholders.

Angie Brown: I am deeply concerned that the inaccurate financials will haunt and stigmatize our newly elected officials, two new officials. If corrections are not applied to the financials, the inaccurate financials will one day, in the future, be brought up as the mistake of the current chapter officials. Please allow the action-item to move forward to create a clean slate for our budding leadership. I fear for the innocent.

Stanley Kedelty: At the start of an audit, all required documents should be prepared and ready for the Auditors, documents of great concern should be prepared for the auditors review to determine a true state of chapter financials.

We are shooting in the dark. Is it possible that the same results could be re-affirmed.

David Kedelty: The questioned funds being discussed cannot be investigated by chapter officials because their statements gives rise to bias action. Allow the chapter membership to find a way of looking into the case, to aid in locating the money. Is it possible to locate, the lost funds in another timeframe.

Vice President Begay: There are many reasons for the request for a comprehensive audit. Granted, there are miscommunications on reports regarding the comprehensive audit report. Mr. Robert Jumbo stated during his presentation that it was not a comprehensive audit, he stated “due to the scope of work and the way he analyzed it, it could be considered comprehensive, and it would hold water, should we complete this CAP, yes, it will make us eligible to be certified.” In that aspect, it is a comprehensive audit.

The comprehensive audit spoken by the chapter membership, it is different.

I was an advocate for the audit. We must get out of the muddy water. My drive for more accurate financials is because constituents are inquiring on chapter scholarships. My inquiry into the scholarships revealed a remaining balance of \$300+ in our Scholarship Fund. While searching for funds to increase the Scholarship Fund, the Sales Tax was brought into light for consideration. Before placing consideration of using Sales Tax to increase the Scholarship Fund, I called for assistance from the Central Government. I was advised that Sales Tax cannot be used for Scholarship, but that I could utilize my stipend fund. In that regard, I discussed the potential utilization of my stipend fund to increase the scholarship fund with my family, and I notified them of my decision. I was very concerned about the lack of scholarship funds, because I remember my own financial hardships when I was a student, i.e. \$20 textbook was difficult to buy. I went to the Central Government for legal determination on utilizing my stipend, it turns out that I cannot commit my stipend, I could go to jail for acting so.

When we looked into our budget, there were questionable activities, because we were carrying a negative budget every month that did not stay the same, the negative balance was only increasing. The immediate reviewers, including myself, are looking into the negative balance and have different opinions on the matter. At the end of the day, it is protecting the community’s assets, and making it better. Many of the funds we receive have restrictions, and we must be transparent to our budget, and share what is allowable and disallowable for each fund.

We need to look at who is assisting us with our financial reconciliations; and I spoke with Caroline Davis, DCD, who did not say to the affect that negligence occurred, but that she recommended that we periodically meet with Jayne Mitchell because her reviews were not being submitted. For the greater part of the financial history of our chapter, our financial support system was not being diligently monitored.

Listening to the community, there seems to be little interest in our current financial state, we will continue to look into the situation for complete disclosure. however, the chapter membership seems to be requesting that every chapter stakeholder

discontinue any attempt to pursue all venues for a complete disclosure on the audit, and discontinue the search for the missing money - \$41k cash receipts.

The people's will is considered and appreciated, however, during my election, I committed myself to uphold my office and listen to every constituent because my resolve is unshakeable. Every action taken in regards to chapter, I follow the policies and procedures; and I let our chapter president and CSC know that certain actions cannot be done or allowable according to policies and procedures. To-date, we have been following policies, procedures, and protocols.

In regards to the audit, all officials should read the Fiscal Policies. We must hold our financial monitors, all our monitors, accountable for their duties and responsibilities to our chapter community. If Jayne Mitchell was following her duties and responsibilities to our chapter financials, we would not be discussing the audit or questionable cash receipts.

We will continue to work in the best interest of the community in a transparent and accountable manner.

Paula Begay: Introduction. Thank you remaining with us at this late hour. In my review, I am here at the chapter, and I am sensing that the investigation is geared towards me. My daughter (clan relationship) mentioned that we were already investigated. I was here the entire time, when the Auditor General was conducting fieldwork. We met with the Office of the Auditor in preparation for the audit review fieldwork. When the Auditor General arrived and requested for documents, chapter meeting minutes, current policies and procedures, Navajo Nation procurement, budget funds, deposits, check – cash disbursement inquiry. We complied with the Auditor General's request in providing all documents. The auditors viewed the chapters files, and notified us on what chapter financial activities were correct, not correct, and not completed. While many processes regarding the audit were in-progress, there were parallel activities by community members rushing and interfering with the audit process. Was there a great deal of animosity? All of a sudden, Cash Receipts \$41k missing was the first to emerge from the audit.

Before we were properly notified to receive the audit reports, community members were already in possession of the audit reports. We are at fault for causing a distortion of the audit report and process because community members were rushing the auditors to complete their job.

The community requested a comprehensive audit, we were told by the Auditor General that the current audits were comprehensive because every fund was reviewed, and the findings were forwarded to our keeping.

In regards to the \$67k, community members received housing assistance based on the submitted applications. The auditors correct us on their findings, and mentioned that a patient referral sheet is needed to be compliant, and the applications were missing the referrals.

The procurement process, three quotes requirement, was brought-up, regarding the \$67k; they do not correctly present their findings.

Former AMS, the late LeAnne Thompson's job description included specific roles for MIP duties and responsibilities. I tell you, LeAnne was very protective of her workstation, and her duties are the root of today's issues. At the chapter meetings, the financial reports were requested, and LeAnne would printout the reports for chapter review. Financial reports cannot be changed, they are already approved.

Per the audit report, as documented, there were manipulations in the chapter's MIP accounting software system, and hardware system, the Central Processing Unit that was uploaded with the chapter's MIP accounting software system during LeAnne's access timeframe. The CPU that LeAnne used to access MIP has been set aside, and nothing can be done to turn on the system for any type of use, it is completely closed.

We are utilizing a new CPU system for our current financial records and reports since March 2016. I am being told that the financial reports from March 2016 remains incorrect, inaccurate. We enter so many entries into the MIP system, we utilize a username and password to access the system. When a check is produced via the MIP system, there is a session number attached to the session 'you are about to do,' and the checks and the system have similar check numbers. Cash Receipts process in the MIP systems utilizes a session number attachment to all users accessing the MIP system.

The call for an investigation is directed at the computer's tracking system of pairing username access with their sessions numbers detailing the user session transactions. Who were the users with access? Who will be blamed for the financial questionable fund activities? Who shall be the target? Who is printing checks for their own benefit? Today's entire discussion on the Audit, the investigation, and the missing funds, are misplaced and misdirected to a commitment only focused on advancing chapter transparency and accountability.

The chapter's commitment should focus beyond the mistakes of yesterday and today, focus on the future. It seems, to me, that I am the only the one focused on the future,

that I will correct the financial process. I continuously admit that I made mistakes at chapter meetings, that should be enough to satisfy the discussed issues – missing \$41k.

FY 2017 Scholarship Funds were mentioned, in October 2016, \$24k was earmarked for scholarships, and that only \$300 remains to-date, remember that the chapter approved a large amount of scholarships for Fall 2016 (details of award amounts).

Housing Assistance applications are now piling-up, I am resolved to follow policy, because the audit findings requires corrections on our housing policy before applications are reviewed. If we continue to use the same processes as before, we will have a repeat of our findings.

In regards to the \$41k, I do not know where the money went; I am sorry that it happened. I don't know. How that number came about, could be due to MIP manipulation, we checked all our records – trash fees and fax fees. The audits revealed our deficiencies.

The combining of the \$41k and the \$67k total to over \$100k, but in actuality it is \$41k. The Audit Reports do not accurately report the entire truth, as I see it.

It's going to get better, we will do a better job.

The protection of the newly elected officials must be shielded from financial mishaps before their election is noted. Of course, they will not be blamed, they were only recently elected. They affirm their education and commitment to learn the chapter's financial reports and utilization of the MIP system. I wish for the same, I will learn along with them. When they ask for chapter actions, I complete their request without delay.

I worked with many chapter leaders on development, Wesley Begay, Lettie Nave, Herbert Clark – and they created many of the foundation policies and laws that we work with today. Today, no one is focused on chapter community development, and why is there no interest in chapter government only concludes that we might as well continue to work with policies and laws at-hand.

I received a phone call inquiring on the chapter agenda, and the constituent was not pleased to hear that the audit was still being discussed by the community. (The rest of the comment is inaudible).

Victoria Notah – Thank you for the opportunity to comment. (joke) I need to borrow some money; because it is not in my pocket.

Money causes many disputes, and everyone gets involved.

Community members need assistance with their activities, and no one is saying let's go help them. The elderly are located in remote areas, and no one is planning to check-up on them.

Accordingly, our chapter financials are still in the process, let the process work; and if need be it, our chapter will be notified of the outcomes.

If we proceed with a pre-emptive audit, we will only double our work and troubles. Then where will we find ourselves, more work, more trouble, and with depleted financial resources.

Then we will only be blaming each other for causing the audit process to be more comprehensive, while those who championed for the comprehensive audit conveniently forget their request for transparency and accountability; that is where the current requests are misleading us because some of the chapter membership wants to advance transparency and accountability. Let the process work themselves.

What about the financial mistakes of those individuals from ten years ago? Who will pay their debt, and who will make them accountable for their actions that started the financial mistakes that we are finally experiencing today. Those individuals who committed financial mistakes, some have passed away; will we be reaching into the pockets of their relatives to get the money back. This entire request for comprehensive audits, investigation request, and missing \$41k, is not the correct, ethical path to follow.

For those leaders who do not wish to be blamed for unethical mistakes committed by prior leaders, and those leaders who are in the midst of blame for unethical mistakes committed by prior leaders; you are not fit to be a leader. To those leaders who are undoubtedly committed and resolved to uphold transparency and accountability, and embraces those principles to guide their actions through uncompromising ethical behavior and conduct...you are only fooling yourselves; because your political journey has only started and there are unlimited opportunities for your principles and ethics to fail and fall short, only to leave you in the immoral state of our current financial state – missing \$41k.

We, the elders try to guide your moral compass, and you, the youth wish to follow your own Id (Freudian psychology term), and not listen. Sometimes the only way the youth will learn is when they experience it, go through the experience on their own. We, the elders do not standby the sidelines, cheering for your demise. We allow you to practice your own free-will, that we acknowledge that it is your life to live on your own autonomous terms.

As I previously stated, those computers are worthless and your efforts are in vain to utilize computers; you should utilize paper for your note taking. Just as my sister (Paula Begay) mentioned that she uses receipts books in conjunction with the MIP system for record keeping. Computers are very prone to losing information, it only takes one missed step to wipe-out the system.

The entire discussion on the comprehensive audit, requested investigation, and mission money - \$41k, all for advancing transparency and accountability violations underscore the unethical and immoral state of our chapter is not to be measured for critical alarm because the same unethical and immoral state is everywhere, in all forms of government, including the Federal government...all our troubled finances are rooted from the mistakes of the Federal government, fed to the Navajo Central government, and finally to the Chapter governments, and we suffer.

What if the chapter membership focused on transparency and accountability dismisses their principles, and just help us move forward with their abilities, skillset, and knowledge. There are other entities already moving paperwork on our chapter's behalf, in unison, we will quickly increase and fatten our chapter funds, and have a more flexible budget. Let go of your focus on transparency and accountability, and redirect your focus on community development, the RT 8077 Road Improvement needs to be completed. Funds are available. What about the Undesignated, Unreserved Fund Balance, maybe if we wash the UUFB "bag," clean money will fall out.

The entire discussion on the comprehensive audit, requested investigation, and mission money - \$41k, all for advancing transparency and accountability was voted down to be forgotten by the chapter membership; in some fashion, we re-opened the discussion. Let the current paperwork in Window Rock move through the process.

Thank you for your consideration: My brother (Delegate BeGaye) is starting to look at me with 'hurry-up eyes,' he must need to get back to Window Rock (humor). My son (President James). The two new officials.

As long as I can remember, since Paula started working for the Chapter, she has been very cordial and ever helpful in providing chapter assistance when I asked for assistance. Paula is a daughter, a sister, a granddaughter to many relatives; and she is a compassionate woman.

We are all fragile beings, and we must be mindful of our fragility in our community. Even an unkind word spoken from our mouth has the potential to kill. We are guilty of ill-wishing; do not entertain such thoughts.

Once again, I am asking the chapter membership to forget and let go of the entire discussion on the comprehensive audit, requested investigation, and mission money - \$41k, all for advancing transparency and accountability – from the bottom of my heart. To all my relatives, that when we leave from here, we will walk the corn pollen path. We peacefully return to our elders and homes.

My name is Victoria Notah. Introduction of clans. Lives near the Tsaile Junction, daughter of Sia Chee. Delegate Nelson Begay is my brother. President Zane James is my child. Sarah James is my sister. Our mothers are sisters from one family.

In reflection upon the past, we wonder about their plights and successes. Successes that the chapter membership should consider. Sicken words of hate are not needed, that we need to be more cautious in our words when we talk to our leaders.

If we talk to each other with kind words, our chapter money and funds will grow.

Thank you for your time.

Please keep in mind that the chapter staff friendly.

8. Chapter Budget Report Inquiry

Motion) Angie Brown Second) Adella Begaye Vote: 22-0-3

Willis Becenti: \$200k, find the funds, where is the exact location of the question funds. Auditor General states that the entry is a mistake, and we could use the money to fund our current crisis. I am not stating that certain individuals took the money, only that the Auditor General and other Navajo Nation agencies are not faithfully assisting us.

I based on inquiry on past chapter budget reports and chapter minutes; which are inconsistent with the Auditor General's reports.

President James: In the upcoming conference with Navajo Nation Governance, chapter officials will present questions at the conference. Multiple stakeholders will be involved to help get the chapter budget back on track, as resounded by the discussions of today.

Yes, many mistakes were made. I admit my guilt for neglecting the chapter, focused on non-chapter related activities and large projects that overshadowed my chapter duties. The missing cash receipts is a good wake-up after the audits were completed.

Frank Kedelty: Relating story of financial mishap; hacker stole financial identity. Could the chapter financials be hacked? We should consider the possibility.

Annette Blackhorse: Thank you to all present. I wished for an audit that was voted down. We are starting at a false start that cannot be utilized as a foundation for the future, money is still lost. Computers may lose data, but technology exists, forensic technology, especially for computers to disclose user transactions. We will know the truth.

Bennie Litson: The Audit is done. Why do we have to go down the same path? We've already completed the financial journey. If we are not in unison to move forward in gathering the data to move towards the future

Chapter community members resolved for transparency and accountability are following the dark-path of evil-will that never benefitted anyone or development of any kind. If there is a great financial mishap, we are bound by duty to assist in resolving the mishap.

Chapter History on prior Federal Financials: During the time of Philip Benally and George James administration, the chapter was locked. NRCS federal money for tree thinning contract taxes were not being paid \$89k thousands that needed to be paid. Paul Saracino and I created a new plan to bid for contracts, and started tree thinning, submitting invoices for two months, and we paid the outstanding contract taxes.

If there is a large mishap, it will take the entire community to resolve the issues, and we are in the same current situation to-date.

The discussion has occurred to a great length, from every perspective that could be possibly fathomed, and all points are valid. Let us move forward, all things standing.

9. Requesting ASC and DCD to conduct training on MIP Chapter Financials

Motion) Emory James Second) Adella Begaye Vote: 24-0-2

Angie Brown: We request for training to read financials to understand our own chapter's financial health, and our confusion will end

President James: Let us find a separate day to start the community training on MIP Chapter Financials will be determined, as we coordinate with DCD -ASC for a date, time, and location.

10. (Resolution) Respectfully Requesting the Office of the President/Vice President, Resources Development Committee, Division of Community Development to Enter Into a Contract with Chapter Finance Software Company in an Effort to Establish Stipulation and Deliverables.

Motion) Willis Becenti Second) Angie Brown Vote: 24-0-3

President James: No contract exists between the Navajo Nation Chapters and ITG, a “gentlemen agreement.” Our understanding continues to be limited.

How is it that ASC – DCD has not developed a corrective action plan.

The recommendation is for a contract.

David Kedelty: Division Directors or other administrative heads of departments are hardly available, contrary to their statements.

11. (Resolution) The Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter Hereby Appoints Margie R.S. Begay to Serve as the Chinle Agency Representative to the Navajo Board of Election Supervisor.

Motion) Paula Second) Sarah Vote:

Paula Begay: Speaking on behalf Margie R.S. Begay to finish out the term.

President James: Recommends deferment.

****Defer to March 2017 Meeting****

Motion to Defer) Adella Begay Second) Willis Becenti Vote: 23-0-2

President James: Requests for Chinle Agency to provide more information.

12. CLUPc Vacancy – Interest letter submitted by Margie R.S. Begay

****Deferred to March 2017 Meeting** All in Agreement.**

13. PEP Worker: Minnie Tsosie – Request

Motion to Amend) Adella Begaye 2) Willis Becenti vote: 24-0-2

Motion) Mikayla Nez 2) Betty Allen Vote: 23-0-2

VP Begay: Volunteer for DPM, PEP do follow a quick process for emergency hire.

Paula Begay: PEP does not require a background check. Virgie is out, due to an emergency.

Bonita Begay: Introduction. I visited the Senior Center; Virgie already called.

Katherine already knows what to do; and she fills in for the position.

Recommending Katherine to be stand-by fill-in all

III. REPORTS: None

IV. IV. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: March 6, 2017, at 10 AM

**V. V. ADJOURNMENT: 5:24 pm Motion to Adjourn:
1) Emory James 2) David Kedelty Vote: All in Favor**

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