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**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER**  
**Chapter Meeting**  
**Thursday – April 18, 2019 @ 1:00 PM**

**I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 1:59 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice President Begay
- C. Invocation: Led by Farm Board President Lucinda Davis
- D. Roll Call: 2:02 pm led by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani
- E. Review/Accept Agenda:

**Motion) Stanley Kedelty      Second) Merlin Benally      Vote: 21-0-4**

- F. Review/Accept Meeting Minutes:
  - 1. January 21, 2019 \*\*Approved\*\*
  - 2. February 26, 2019 \*\*Approved\*\*
  - 3. March 18, 2019 \*\*Approved

*Lorena Eldridge:* Details on Minutes need further work, the presentation sections need more clarity and details in the future, and the current approved Minutes.

*Stanley Kedelty:* February 2019, correction to the minutes

Wilbert Marks name on February 26, 2019 needs correction (meet with Devon)

**Motion) Ernie Yazzie      Second) Lorena Eldridge      Vote: 24-0-9**

- G. Announcements:
  - April 26, 2019 - Business Workshop @ Diné College SUB
  - April 26, 2019 @ 10:00 am – Dine' College Awards Banquet
  - April 22-26, 2109 – TWB Chapter COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
  - April 29, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – Permittee Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
  - May 1, 2019 @ 9:00 am – NNC Resource and Development Committee Meeting
  - May 3, 2019 @ 4:00 pm – Farm Board Meeting @ Chapter
  - May 5, 2019 @ 9:00 am – DWUA Meeting @ Chapter
  - May 6, 2019 @ 10:00 am – Tsaile Senior Center Council Meeting @ TSC-Tsaile
  - May 6, 2019 @ 1:00 pm–TWB Chapter Planning Meeting

**II. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Ratifications:
  - 1. Burial Asst: George James Jr. of Tsaile, \$100.0
  - 2. Burial Asst: Dennis Yazzie of Wheatfields, \$100.00
  - 3. Burial Asst: Elsie Johnnie of Tsaile, \$100.00
  - 4. Repair/Maintenance: Ernie's Fire Extinguisher \$416.00

**Motion) Lucinda Davis      Second) Max Benally      Vote: 26-0-9**

- B. Action Items:

- 1. **Approving and Accepting the Chapter Financial Reports ending March 2019.**

**Motion) Ernie Yazzie      Second) Lorena Eldridge      Vote: 26-0-9**

Sec./Tres. Nata'ani: Presented Chapter Financial Reports of March 2019.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted\*\***

2. **Requesting the Navajo Nation Community Development Block Grant and U. S. Department of Housing Urban Development to fund the Rural Electrification Project for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension.**

**Motion) Lucinda Davis    Second) Thomas Litson    Vote: 25-0-8**

CSC, Paula Begay submitted a proposal on March 29, 2019 for HUD funds, in conjunction with requests for Sihasin Funds \$209K, NTUA \$63K, Chapter Funds \$36k for a total of \$1.8 million for the Rural Electrification Project for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

3. **Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Sihasin Committee to transfer the Sihasin Funds for the Short-Fall of Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension, Cemetery Fencing and Purchase of a Backhoe Equipment in the amount of \$347,255.00.**

**Motion) Thomas Litson    Second) Lucinda Davis    Vote: 26-0-9**

President James explaining the \$1.4 million distribution for each council delegate will include an added, amended expense for the chapter to purchase a Backhoe Equipment in the amount of \$347,255.00.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

4. **Requesting Navajo DOT to repair the potholes, crack seal on Route 12, and maintenance of cattle guard on Navajo Route 64.**

**Motion) Merlin Benally    Second) Stanley Kedelty    Vote: 29-0-6**

President James explained the resolution is asking for support from the chapter to request Navajo DOT to repair potholes and crack seals on route 12, and maintenance on the cattle guards along Navajo Route 64.

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

5. **Requesting Tom O'Halleran, Arizona Congressional District One in the House of Representative and Arlando Teller, Arizona House of Representative District Seven to Support and Allocation Funds for the Navajo Route 12 Road Construction from Wheatfields to Tsaile, 10.7 miles.**

**Motion) Bennie Litson    Second) Max Benally    Vote: 31-0-9**

President James explains road construction of Phase I: new, wider highway, new bridges, right-of-way fences, box culverts to accommodate livestock and wildlife crossings.

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As of this month, NDOT sent a letter to NDOJ to request for the allowance to negotiate another price on the received bids. If we wait too long, other delegates might start to re-allocate the earmarked funds.

Strategic plan is to invite all stakeholders of the Route 12 communities to submit letters and supporting documentation to the funding sources.

We will be reaching out to all our leaders, include Representatives Arlando Teller and Myron Tsosie.

Recommending the use of hardship and fully continue with a road construction from Whiskey Creek to Round Rock interaction, as originally planned. Former

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Resolution\*\*\***

6. **Approving the Chapter Housing Assistance Application for 5 Applicants in the amount of \$8,863.73.**

**Motion to Combine) Lorena Eldridge    Second) Bennie Litson    Vote: 23-0-10**

President James delivers chair to Vice President Begay.

Stanley Litson \$2,000.00 (representing self)  
Otis Benally \$2,356.00 (representing self)  
Betty Auhostin \$781.09 (Represented by Vice President Devon Begay)  
Ruth Roanhorse \$742.87 (Represented by Vice President Devon Begay)

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Chapter Housing Assistance\*\*\***

7. **Requesting Monetary Donation:**  
a. **Victoria Notah \$50.00**  
b. **Navajo Foster Grandparent Program, \$50.00**

**Motion) Max Benally    Second) Merlin Benally    Vote: 26-0-4**

**\*\*\*Approved and Accepted Monetary Donations\*\*\***

### III. **REPORTS:**

1. Grazing Committee – No Report
2. Farm Board – Lorena Eldridge: NNC Title 3 is being reviewed for renewal. 13 chapters have Farm Board Committees. Question on insurance for use of chapter buildings? Deferred for visit from Shawnevan Dale will attend May 2019 planning meeting to regular meeting.
3. DWUA – No Report.
4. IEC – No Report.
5. Tsaile Senior Center Report by Minnie Tsosie, Supervisor: Report on vandalism from last month, still under investigation, Risk Management arrived. Windows and computers need to be replaced, there is a \$1,500.00 deductible on an estimated \$14k damage cost.

Senior Centers are able to fundraise and held by the Treasurer of the Senior Council. Minnie Tsosie is in charge of senior center fund – for glasses.

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President James is asking on whether events can be conducted – a health fair, Mother's Day, Father's Day.

Ernie Yazzie wishes to pursue solar power for chapter community.

6. Chapter Paula Begay: On the Audit of 2017 and the Corrective Action Plan has been completed. Insurance is a major issue on the Navajo Nation, Risk Management underwrites the exposure summary – if the chapter was operating at the Tsaile Senior Center, then it would be under our insurance. Therefore, DALTC will be in charge of providing the insurance. The short-term goal to provide awareness that insurance will be needed to utilize chapter facilities, thereafter, there will be an effective date that chapter will need an insurance certificate to utilize chapter facilities.

**Motion) Max Benally    Second) Ernie Yazzie    Vote: 20-0-**

**IV.    NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2019 – 1 pm**

**V.    ROLL CALL: 4:15 pm led by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani**

**VI.    ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion) Stanley Kedelty    Second) Merlin Benally    Vote: All Vote Yes**