

**TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Chapter Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday – July 15, 2019 @ 1:00 PM**

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Meeting Called to Order: 1:31 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Vice President Begay

C. Invocation: Led by David Tsosie

D. Roll Call: Called by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani 1:34 pm

E. Review/Accept Agenda:

Motion) Ernie Yazzie Second) Susie King Vote: 23-0-8

F. Review/Accept Meeting Minutes: June 17, 2019

Motion to Accept Written) Stanley Kedelty Second) David Tsosie Vote: 20-0-9

G. Announcements:

1. 07/13/19 Chinle Agency Council @ Chinle Chapter, 9 am
2. 07/14/19 Farm Board Meeting @ TWB Chapter
3. 07/14/19 DWUA Co-Op Meeting @ DWUA, 10 am - 3 pm
4. 07/16/19 Just Move It @ TWB Chapter, 6 pm
5. 07/23/19 Permittee Meeting @ TWB Chapter, 2 pm
6. 07/23/19 Tsaille Senior Center – Minnie Tsosie Retirement @ TSC, 12 pm
7. 07/23/19 TIP NDOT Meeting @ Chile
8. 07/24/19 Sierra Community Dinner @ TWB Chapter, 5 pm
9. 07/28/19 Farm Board Meeting @ TWB Chapter
10. 07/31/19 Chuska Health Council Meeting @ Round Rock Chapter, 10 am

Emerson Barber: Add to Announcement: Emerson Barber, Construction Coordinator, preliminary construction activities to obtain dirt for RT 12 road construction

President James: Officially announced the Resignation of current Council Delegate Nelson Begaye.

Abram Chapo: Navajo Housing Authority Coordinator Self-introduction to community.

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

1. Monetary Donation: Rosinda Yazzie, \$50.00

2. Monetary Donation: Darlene Kedelty, \$50.00

Motion to Combine) Max Benally Second) David Kedelty Vote: 25-0-3

B. Action Items:

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

Motion) Emma Yoe Second) Catherine Benally Vote: 25-0-7

(Presenter: Sec./Tres. Nata'ani. Discussion: Vice President Begay, President James)

*****Chapter Financial Reports June 2019 Approved and Accepted*****

2. **Approving the Chapter Housing Assistance Application for Two Applicants in the amount of \$4,398.22.**

(Presenter: Vice President Begay. Discussion: President James, Leslie Etsitty)

Motion) David Kedelty Second) Max Benally Vote: 27-0-7

******Arrival of Lorena Eldridge - 2:17 pm*****

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Leslie Etsitty: Representing Self

Winifred Wagner: ***Called-In to Represent Self upon arrival– In Transit 2:18 pm***

*****Approved Chapter Housing Assistance Applications*****

3. **Supporting Resolution to Exonerate the Board of Elections Supervisor as sponsored by Navajo Voter's Coalition**
Motion) Sara James Second) Lorena Eldridge Vote: 23-0-10

(Presenters: Ernie Yazzie. Discussion: Adella Begay, President James, Paula S. Begay, Stanley Kedelty, Lorena Eldridge, Norman Begay)

The post-aftermath of the 2014 Navajo Nation President elections, election officials were removed; and this resolution will exonerate the then-Navajo Board of Elections from further suffering from the sanctions for their contempt of court rulings.

The courts ruled that the Chris Descheenie, Navajo Nation Presidential candidate, be removed, and the board of election supervisors were in contempt for not affecting the court ruling.

Election Office is under the legislative branch, the legal question is whether the Legislative Branch has the authority to exonerate a legal ruling given by the Navajo Nation courts?

Reading of the proposed resolution on exoneration.

Former Board of Election of Supervisors, Norman Begay, historical explanation of the 2014 Navajo Nation Presidential election; asking for the community to relieve him of the sanction through exoneration.

*****Supporting Resolution Approved and Accepted*****

4. **Supporting Resolution to improve BIA 8080 and Logging Road 7420, Navajo Department of Transportation to improve gravel road traffic safety.**
Motion) Lucinda Davis Second) David Tsosie Vote: 35-0-4

(Presenters: President James. Discussion: Adella Begaye, Frank Kedelty, Stanley Kedelty, Suzie King)

Reading of Letter submitted by Jaren Benally.

The supporting resolution does not focus on requesting for the gravel removal on the gravel road, rather the supporting resolution is for safer speed traffic on the gravel road. Safer speed traffic that is best given to NDOT to determine an effective solution, i.e., road signs.

Add N68 for gravel road safer speed traffic in the resolution.

*****Supporting Resolution Approved and Accepted*****

5. **Supporting Resolution for Navajo CHR program to continue Federal funding.**
Motion) Stanley Kedelty Second) Ernie Yazzie Vote: 26-0-4

(Presenter: Tara Clitso. Discussion: Paula S. Begay, President James, Stanley Kedelty, Vice President Begay)

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Presenting to request for Chapter support of the Supporting Chapter Resolution to be approved for continued Federal funding. There is much room for improvement in the Navajo CHR Program, and all concerns addressed during the chapter meeting and other concerns before the meeting are all being addressed by the current CHR leadership.

Focus on the resolution as a supporting document to be attached to the Navajo Nation Council Resolution.

*****Supporting Resolution Approved and Accepted*****

Momentary Return to Approved and Accepted Action Item #2, for Winifred Wagner Representing Self for Chapter Housing Assistance.

6. **Resolution to Navajo Department of Transportation, and the Tsaile ALON Store and Parent Corporation to affect the placement of two Stop Signs at the RT 64 and RT 12 Intersection, store turn-off exits.**
Motion) Max Benally Second) Frank Kedelty Vote: 30-0-4

(Presenters: Paul Yoe. Discussion: President James, Frank Kedelty, Stanley Kedelty)

Presenting for 'Stop' Sign request at the Junction of RT 64 and RT 12. Change the Speed Limit Signs, and other safer traffic speeds should be implemented.

During the design phase of the now pre-construction phase of RT 12, designers were encouraged to create safety mechanisms for traffic at the Junction of RT 64 and RT 12, which were stated by designers as not meeting the traffic requirements for such mechanisms.

The Two "STOP" signs are for the traffic leaving the ALON Store and exiting onto the RT 64 and RT 12 traffic.

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

7. **Burial Assistance: Lucy Bahe of Tsaile, \$100.00.**
Motion) Max Benally Second) Lucinda Davis Vote: 35-0-2

(Presenter: President James)

*****Burial Assistance Approved*****

III. REPORTS:

1. Grazing Committee – Charles R. Chee, verbal presentation on Division of Natural Resources Summit June 2019, and description of the future status of the Grazing Official. Historical recount of the origins of grazing permits, offices, and agencies, that govern the grazing permit, i.e. canine laws, retribution of harmed livestock.

Infrastructure Funds – money is received but will be given in increments for Drought Relief. EPA Funds is a lengthy process to receive funds. State Brands will not be allowed to graze on Navajo lands; grazing of allotted livestock on grazing permits will reconciled in the coming future.

2. Farm Board – Lorena Eldridge, verbal presentation of Division of Natural Resources Summit June 2019. Tsaile-Wheatfields Chapter Resolution and Inquiry on illegal trash

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dumping. Why is there no Navajo enterprise available to administrate and manage the Navajo Big Boquillas Ranch, as such, the Lease on the ranch is up for renewal in 2020.

Homesite Lease information was brought back for the chapter community.

\$9 million is the remaining balance from the Drought Money Insurance. Water Resources Department acknowledges that there is limited resources, equipment, personnel to affect significant impacts.

If there is no brand on livestock, livestock belongs to the Navajo Nation.

Stanley Kedely: In Gallup, located west of O'Reilly's, broken appliances are returnable to avoid illegal dumping of trash.

3. DWUA – Vice President reading Memorandum Report submitted by DWUA.

Motion to Accept Reports) David Tsosie Second) Lucinda Davis Vote: 19-0-2

IV. NEXT MEETING: August 5, 2019, 1 pm

V. ROLL CALL: Called by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani @ 4:17 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 4:18 pm

Motion) Max Benally Second) Emma Yoe Vote: All Vote Yes