

TSAILE/WHEATFIELDS CHAPTER
Chapter Planning Meeting
Monday – April 1, 2019 @ 1:00 PM
AGENDA

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. Meeting Called to Order:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Invocation:
- D. Roll Call:
- E. Review/Accept Agenda:
- F. Review/Accept Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2019 & February 26, 2019
- G. Announcements:
 - April 5, 2019 - Weed and Pest Management @ Diné College SUB
 - April 7, 2019 @ 10:00 am - DWUA Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - April 8, 2019 @ 10:00 am - Health Fair @ 10:00 am, Wheatfields Chapter Parking Lot
 - April 9, 2019 @ 4:00 pm - Veterans Organization Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - April 10, 2019 @ 9:00 am - Grazing Committee Meeting @ Lukachukai Chapter
 - April 10, 2019 @ 6:00 pm - ABNDN Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - April 13, 2019 @ 9:00 am - Agency Council Meeting @ Many Farms Chapter
 - April 25, 2019 @ 1:00 pm – Permittee Meeting @ Wheatfields Chapter
 - April 26, 2019 - Business Workshop @ Diné College SUB
 - April 30, 2019 – Special Election – Board of Election Supervisor (Office Closed)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Ratifications:
 - 1. Burial Asst. George James Jr., \$100.00
- B. Action Items:
 - 1. Approving and Accepting the Chapter Financial Reports ending March 2019.
 - 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.
 - 3. Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Sihasin Committee to allocation the Short-Fall of Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension in the amount of \$17,817.62 for Archaeological Clearance, Environmental Assessment and Legal Survey for Right of Way for twenty-six (26) homes.
 - 4. Respectfully requesting the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation to oppose Legislation No. 0360-18, abolishing the elected position of Grazing Official and establishing a Range Technician.

III. REPORTS:

- 1. Grazing Committee:
- 2. Farm Board
- 3. DWUA
- 4. IEC
- 5. Tsaile Senior Center

IV. NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2019

V. Roll-Call:

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

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I. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- A. Meeting Called to Order: 1:14 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: led by Vice President Begay
- C. Invocation: Led by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani
- D. Roll Call: 1:18 pm, taken by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani
- E. Review/Accept Agenda:
Motion) Max Benally Second) Devon Begay Vote: 8-0-2

Add: - Action Item 5: President James: Pothole repair – BIA and NDOT Requesting Navajo Route 12
- Action Item 6: President James: Tsaile Senior Center (to be combined with Action Item 5)

- F. Review/Accept Meeting Minutes: January 21, 2019 & February 26, 2019
****President defers to Regular Meeting****

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April 26, 2019 - Business Workshop @ Diné College SUB
April 26, 2019 @ 10:00 am – Dine' College Awards Banquet
April 30, 2019 – Special Election – Board of Election Supervisor (Office Closed)

II. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Ratifications:

- 1. Burial Asst. George James Jr., \$100.00
Motion) Frank Kedelty Second) Willis Becenti Vote: 11-0-2

B. Action Items:

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

*****President Defers to Regular Chapter Meeting*****

- 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) Willis Becenti Second) Sec./Tres. Nata'ani Vote: 13-0-2

Chapter is requesting for chapter support for Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension to be funded by the NNCDBG and U.S. HUD for rural electricity project.

The 'Light Up Navajo Technology' project is preparing to conduct

****Approved for Regular Chapter Meeting****

3. **Requesting the Navajo Nation Council, Sihasin Committee to allocation the Short-Fall of Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension in the amount of \$17,817.62 for Archaeological Clearance, Environmental Assessment and Legal Survey for Right of Way for twenty-six (26) homes.**

Motion) Merlin Benally Second) Devon Begay Vote: 19-0-4

Prior NTUA \$191,493.75 cost-estimate for the powerline extension project; we passed a resolution for a cost estimate update on the 26 homes, most current is March 2019. New cost estimate of 26 homes \$209,311.37, and the resolution would ask for the Sihasin Fund request to reflect the new cost estimate of \$209,311.37.

Willis Becenti presented inquiry on whether this invitation would open the doors for other electrical companies to provide electrical services as another vendor besides NTUA.

Delegate BeGaye mentioned there is a proposal \$367k for the Tsaile Senior Center, and the unspent funds from the 376k can be diverted to the Horseshoe Canyon Powerline Extension. Delegate BeGaye is able to implement the changes at the Sihasin Committee. Recommends one resolution from the chapter to provide the

Bennie Litson wants to know if the waterline extension is still viable. Delegate BeGaye continues to pursue the funding for waterline extensions that do not depend on water-hauling for cistern systems.

Willis Becenti commented on the conundrum that Navajo citizens face so many barriers to receive running water whether waterlines, cistern systems, and water wells are options.

Add to May 2019 Planning Meeting Agenda (President James): Water Cistern Systems and Invite Office of Environmental Health.

****Approved for Regular Chapter Meeting****

4. **Respectfully requesting the Navajo Nation Council and the President of the Navajo Nation to oppose Legislation No. 0360-18, abolishing the elected position of Grazing Official and establishing a Range Technician.**

Motion) Frank Kedelty Second) Sterling Kedelty Vote: 12-0-6

Community members believe the current elected position is no longer a viable position that serves the community and impedes community projects that are vital to the overall community development and growth of green businesses.

The resolution is coming from Grazing Agency Council, and will be presented to the

Delegate Johnathan Hale was the original legislative branch sponsor and Legislation No. 0360-18 was given a final vote and finalized as Navajo Nation Law – abolishing the Grazing Official position and established the Range Technician position.

Community members do not enjoy the central government's action of imposing new laws and regulations without the input or consultation from the Navajo people.

President James suggested a request for an opinion from the Navajo Department of Justice on the Navajo Nation Council's actions to approve Legislation No. 0360-18.

President James will draft a letter to Navajo DOJ for an opinion.

Delegate BeGaye suggested for a resolution to request for the Department of Natural Resources to present to the chapter.

*****Chapter will request for Navajo Department of Justice for an opinion, and invite the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources to present on Legislation No. 0360-18 at a Tsaile-Wheatfields Chapter Meeting. *****

****Approved for Regular Chapter Meeting****

- 5. Requesting Navajo DOT to fix potholes and cattle guard maintenance
Motion) Frank Kedelty Second) Max Benally Vote: 18-0-6**

President James will prepare a resolution to affect the chapter community's prayer for the chapter paved roads' potholes to be fixed and cattleguard maintenance.

****Approved for Regular Chapter Meeting****

- 6. Tsaile Senior Center Report by Minnie Tsosie, TSC Supervisor
Motion) Frank Kedelty Second) Max Benally Vote: 18-0-6**

The Tsaile Senior Center was broken-into and vandalized, currently, the center is closed for the time-being; all DALTC services are being impeded and the chapter seniors are the victims of this criminal act. Police reports were given and submitted, insurance claims were submitted to Navajo Nation Risk Management.

The TSC is doing their best to continue to provide services to the chapter seniors while the Tsaile Senior Center is being cleaned and restored for operational use.

Chapter administration is actively seeking vendors on restoring fire extinguishers and coordinating the clean-up efforts.

Meeting was Recorded

The major reason for the Tsaile Senior Center shut-down is not related to the break-in and vandalism, rather a discovery of a non-operational water-heater during an investigation by OEH.

Chapter Administration is actively looking for fire-extinguisher and water-heater vendors to correct the problem, to allow for safe use of the Tsaile Senior Center.

Community members suggested for security cameras to be placed throughout the Tsaile Senior Center building and facilities. Additionally, there is support for metal grates to close-out the windows. Community members are aware of the potential culprits

Current NNDALTC leadership are all on a temporary-basis at the Central Government; where the innovative leadership is absent.

Tsaile Senior Center elders are not willing to submit an official report due to retaliation.

The social ills of the Navajo Nation were widely discussed and how the Navajo Nation from western and traditional perspectives are not being observed.

Report will be forwarded to regular chapter meeting, plus cost estimates will be identified.

****Approved for Regular Chapter Meeting****

III. REPORTS:

1. Grazing Committee
Applications for Drought Reimbursements will be available.
2. Farm Board – defer to 4/18/19
3. DWUA – Delivered written report
4. IEC –
5. Tsaile Senior Center – included

IV. NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2019 – 1 pm

V. Roll-Call: 3:44 pm, taken by Sec./Tres. Nata'ani

VI. ADJOURNMENT: 3:45 pm

Motion) Evelyn Ahidley Second) Amelda Benally Vote: All Vote Yes