

**Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
by Teleconference  
March 19, 2021  
9 a.m.**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION.**

Meeting called to order at 9:12 a.m. by President Haskie.

Roll Call of Officials

President: Jeanne Haskie- PRESENT

Vice-President: Gerald Henderson- PRESENT

Secretary/Treasurer: Jourdan Washburn- PRESENT

Grazing Member: Alonzo Cohoe- ABSENT- Amend to present at 9:40 a.m.

Council Delegate: Amber Crotty- ABSENT

Others on Call:

1. Elouise Brown
2. Bill McCabe- Navajo Nation Oil & Gas Co.
3. Suzette Haskie
4. Sharon Martin
5. Narron Martin
6. Leonard Barber
7. Dean Martin
8. Harrison Tsosie
9. Phyllis Todacheene
10. Harrison Barber
11. Roz Barber
12. Perstine Tsosie
13. Mr. Keeswood
14. Myra Candelaria- Wilson & Co.

Invocation given by Gerald Henderson

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.** Agenda was read into record to membership.

Motion by Christine Benally

Second by Leonard Barber

Elouise Brown: She would like to add a resolution regarding the cemetery in Table Mesa. (Item # 10)

Christine Benally: She would like to add a resolution about re-routing the waterline from MM 70 to 72 and relocation of the pump station. (Item # 11)

Bill McCabe: He would like to be added to the agenda from Navajo Nation Oil & Gas.

Jeanne Haskie: You are listed under guest speaker. Anything else to add? One item we need to decide on. On the meeting minutes, there are 11 pages of the minutes and when we read it, it takes a long time. With all these items to discuss, I'd like to ask the audience to postpone the minutes. You can get them either by email, copies at Chapter house, or on Facebook and on our website. What do you all think?

Elouise Brown: I motion to defer the minutes to next month's meeting.

Jeanne Haskie: We don't need a motion for it, just need a vote. Any other changes?

Alonzo Cohoe: Item # 9, the horse round up resolution, I would like to have that defer to next meeting.

**Memberships vote 15 (Perstine Tsosie, Christine Benally, Sharon Martin, Narron Martin, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Suzette Haskie, Phyllis Todacheene, Angela Gettler, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the agenda.**

~~III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. Removed from the agenda, deferred to next month's meeting.~~

**IV. GUEST SPEAKER(S).**

1. Bill McCabe (Navajo Nation Oil & Gas): Mr. McCabe introduced himself. We requested to be on the agenda to provide an update on our Oil & Gas and Helium activities to the chapter. We've come to the chapter multiple times to update the Chapter on other company activities going on. Some of you have seen some personnel out, we will be engaging in a seismic survey. We will be bringing out large trucks, that thump the ground and send a pulse into the earth. Then they can measure and make a picture if there is helium present. Starting this weekend. Racheal Dahozy is also on the line. Will be out there for 10 days. The site is in the residential area. Any questions or other information?

President Haskie: We were wondering what they were doing. I stopped a couple of them on the road. I didn't quite understand but now you indicated you are looking for helium. I see them North and along N34. Is that all you will be doing?

Bill McCabe: It's hard to provide maps. Can we send out materials to the chapter? The area is within the region, there is known helium present over at Tocito Dome. There has been activity there for 30-40 years. South of that area, there is a potential helium. That new area is 18,000 acres and 18,000 acres is roughly 28 square miles. Its 4 miles east to west and 7 miles north to south. The trucks are about the size of a grader, only on the road. Usually, it's off the road but this case is only on the road. The flags are indicators where the trucks will be. My colleague is going to each individual house and informing them of this activity. She has been out there yesterday and today. This area is directly in the Sanostee community area. We have some concerns about the residents and disturbances. We originally scheduled this in April but the crew could come out earlier and begin next week. Rachael, are you on the line?

Rachael Dahozy: We have our survey crew out there up to Sunday. Then our trucks will move in on Monday, then start survey on Thursday. We will start thumping the ground on Thursday.

President Haskie: In the days ahead, can you bring the map to the chapter, so we can look at it.

Bill McCabe: You will be out there, today right?

Rachael Dahozy: Depends on what I have to do in the office.

Bill McCabe: We have communicated with the chapter on numerous occasions updating our activities. The chapter has given us a resolution of support to engage on helium activity. NN Oil & Gas is owned 100 % by the nation and we are tasked to extract oil, gas and helium to provide a revenue stream for the nation. From 2005 to 2015, the big oil filed in Utah, the revenue is 100 million dollars to the nation. This is the type of revenue that can be provided to the Nation. Delegate Crotty has been apart and she looks to how that revenue can be administered to the Chapter. We do have a support resolution and, in that resolution, we stated we would always keep the Chapter informed of our activities. We are utilizing the Chapter meeting today for an update on present activities.

President Haskie: I believe those resolution was from before, like may be 3 or 2 years ago. I am new in this position and I wasn't aware of it. How do you relate to the other outfit, North of the chapter? Are you coinciding with that company?

Bill McCabe: I believe you are speaking of Tacitus. We are not in any way related with them. They are a separate company. They are operating on that area as a result of a previous company that had a lease with the Navajo Nation. It was Baylis Oil & Co. in Farmington. The company got it approved with the Nation to put their lease up for sale and Tacitus purchased it. That's how they can operate on the Navajo Nation. Tocito Dome is what field they are on. They are a off nation developer. Historically, NN has engage in 3<sup>rd</sup> party developers over the years. They provide a royalty to the Nation, 12.5 %, comes to the Nation. That's how the Nation operated. We've always been in a passive royalty situation.

The Nation has developed the capability to operate their own oil company, NN Oil & Gas Co. Now they received 8/8 of the pie.

President Haskie: For Sanostee Chapter, will we get anything?

Bill McCabe: The way NN operates, all royalties go to the Nation and then they distribute. Such as education programs, they run their government, the jail and others supported by the royalties. It is up to the council member, how it can trickle down to the Chapter. We did want to supply the Chapters with a direct check for those Chapters we are working with but we have to work with the Nation in order for that to take place.

President Haskie: The end point, are you going to be drilling?

Bill McCabe: It will give us a picture and where the helium is located. Once we know that, yes, the next phase to determine if there is helium in the ground, would be to drill a hole in the ground.

President Haskie: You are talking about right smack in the middle of our community, I am not sure if that's well thought out. I guess we will leave to other people. Any other questions for Bill?

Christine Benally: That really concerns me, the Navajo Nation is the one making these arrangements and not asking the people who live here. They have been taking out Oil & Gas and ruining the water. Water is life. Now we are saying, not to drink the water. Helium is for party balloons, just do away with those. I don't agree with this. The money going to the Navajo Nation, it doesn't come to us living here, then it goes to the Chapter and who knows what happens from there.

Bill McCabe: When we saw where the location that is being examined in the Sanostee community, we have our concerns as well. That's why we are opening up this discussion today, we will have more discussions. Once the seismic survey is complete, there are more processes. The council will approve the final activities. Delegate Crotty will serve your interest. It is our concern that the location is where people are residing. Racheal would you like to add anything?

Elouise Brown: I've been talking about this for awhile and no one has listened. The past year officials were letting TACITUS do what they needed to. They kept coming back doing face paintings, bringing food, said they would keep in contact with the Chapter and we will keep you posted. Where are they now? Also, NN Oil & Gas invited me to a meeting a couple years ago. I am sure Mr. McCabe you remember the numbers we talked about; I think it was \$270 million that was going to TACITUS. Your entity was going to provide money to the NN. At the time, there was two companies. When I listened to both sides, if we actually have to have a helium extraction, even if we say no, my preference would be Navajo Nation Oil & Gas. TACITUS doesn't help us. They are not Navajo Nation. I am not saying go ahead and do it, just saying it will come back to our community. Think about it, our Mother Earth is precious and we shouldn't be drilling in to her. All in all, it's not good. The previous Chapter President told me one time, why are you talking about this, you don't live in that area anyways. The thing is, you don't know, it's underground and could affect the other surrounding areas. Even if it happens, we will be waiting for the money because it all goes to Window Rock first, we won't see it for years.

Bill McCabe: It's true when we came before, we were pointing out that the TACITUS was not only operating in the Tocito Dome area. They were proposing other areas. They anticipated making \$240 million dollars and said 20% royalty to the Nation. That's what we asked, why would the Nation be okay with that. Those days are passed. We have our own oil company now. NNOGC for the direct support to community has given money for scholarships. We would like to provide a greater support than that. We mentioned a direct percentage coming to the chapter but found out, not possible. Unless the Nation, the Council agrees to do that to the affected chapters. We would like to see that happen. The issue is, then the next Chapter over says, we don't have helium and we want that help. As it stands, we do work with the community. We will work with the Chapter again without this process and how it can be best accomplished. Our CEO Jason McClure, Chairman Leonard Eltsosie was at the meeting. They would be on this call but are on a shareholders meeting right now. The shareholders are some Council Delegates from other areas.

President Haskie: I think there is a lot more information that we need to hear more about. We were just discussing here, if we have a session just on this. I know there is more people who want to know more and have questions. There are people who feel the same way, like Christine and Elouise. TACITUS have been digging graves for the community. They've really helped us, during this pandemic. They also did some road maintenance, repairing our backhoe now, community dinners as well. That's what I wanted to ask you Mr. McCabe and it might be hard because of the Navajo Nation but we appreciate anything that can be done. I also wanted to mention, for you and us at the chapter, we can talk more. I am leery about these ground movements and we are on quick sand. We don't want any more of that but we can get together and talk about that.

Bill McCabe: Throughout the past COVID pandemic, the NNOGC provided ½ millions of dollars of support. We went to 48 chapters to deliver propane, bought hay, meal delivery, utilities payments for elders. We did come to Sanostee Chapter with propane and hay. It was suggested by Rachael that we provide another propane and hay delivery. Maybe even something additional. I look forward to have a special meeting with the Chapter. I know it's hard to take care of this in one sitting. We will be ready to do so.

President Haskie: If that's okay with everyone, we will set something up and let everyone know.

Bill McCabe: Jourdan has our contact information and we can communicate with her on that.

2. Myra Candelaria- Wilson & Co.

We are an engineering consultant firm contracted by the Navajo Division of Transportation to prepare design plans for the 5012 Sanostee Wash Bridge and approximately .644 miles of double chip seal roadway near the bridge. With the construction, it will include stripping, signage and drainage structures. Jourdan asked for me to give a status update on the project. We have completed and signed the construction and design plans. We have received the 401 permits on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is good news. The Navajo Nation decided to take ownership of the right of way for the bridge and road way, so a Tribal Authorization Application (TAA) package was prepared. It was submitted to General Land Development on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We are just awaiting approval and we've been told that takes about 3 months, so hopefully in May. At that point, we can advertise for construction and hope to begin this summer. It depends on the approval of the TAA. If there are any questions, I can try today or get back to you with some answers.

President Haskie: Okay, that sounds good. Anyone have a question? If some of you don't know which bridge, we are talking about, it's the bridge that has been washed out for the past 10 years. They've been trying to get that rebuilt all these years and hopefully will happen this year.

**V. REPORT(S):**

- 1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty- Not Present on the call.**
- 2. Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson- Not Present on the call.**
- 3. Sanostee Day School Board- Phyllis Todacheene reported.**

Phyllis Todacheene: Thank you to everyone for allowing me to give a report on behalf of the Sanostee Day School. We had our board meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>. It went well, it was rather fast. We had Parent Advisory give a report. They don't have a real committee as of now because of the pandemic. They had just enough parents who attended the meeting and will continue with what they can. Principal gave report. All is going well, even though they are virtual learning. Yes, they do have problems with technology but the school is going well. They all have laptops and hotspots. The board members acted on two budgets, contract renewal for the staff, minutes deferred to April's meeting. Now to agency school board meeting, there was no meeting because we had 2 days of education conference. The next meeting will be March 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, between the chapter officials, school board and parents, we changed the spring break from March 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. This change was made to meet the needs and requests of the parents. Thank you.

- 4. SASI School Board- Not president on the call.**
- 5. Tohaali Community School Board- Not present on the call.**

**6. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe.** - Alonzo Cohoe reported.

In the past month, we had our grazing permittee meeting on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. There were 16 participants. We had some homesite and land withdrawal issues. There were concerns about the grazing in the mountains. We also talked about home repair and fencing for permittees. I am trying to get a hold of Forestry regarding the mountain roads. We had some homesite lease problems, where a home has been already there and the surrounding homes are not allowing for a homesite/field clearance. There were some misunderstandings, that when I do the field clearance people think it was approved. That is actually the Land Department, they have surveyors, archeological, biological survey and then they decide. Then they issue the lease and it goes back to BIA and the regional director signs off on it as well. Some get their homesite leases a year later, some 6 months and some are still waiting. Even some for the past 10 years. It takes time to go through the process and the paperwork. I started doing tally counts and within two days have done 11 so far. I have some that still need to be scheduled. I had scheduled a permittee meeting this weekend, but I will wait until the 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock. I am waiting for response from the Land Department, Forestry, Fish & Wildlife to give us reports. We were told not to be doing sign offs. They gave me my oath of office and now I can do work. We are supposed to have an orientation, but Dept. of Agriculture hasn't scheduled it yet. Possibly the end of April but not sure yet. Text me first and then we will go from there. Some people don't want to give their names and they will hang up possible because of complaints. I need to go back, look into things and see what has been done for the past four years. I still have one pending complaint and a previous one that was sent in back from November. I don't know how we are going to address that one for now. I am working on weekends, some permittees work during the week, so I work with them. If anyone needs a tally count, my number is 505-354-3028.

Christine Benally: What's your number again?

Perstine Tsoie: Anything on the district meeting?

Alonzo Cohoe: We just had. Some things that came up, which is on here now, the cemetery. Then getting information from BIA, probates and policy and procedure. Other than that, it was basic stuff. Anything specific?

Perstine Tsoie: When is the next district meeting, can we have the number?

Alonzo Cohoe: It's the first Thursday of the month. April 1<sup>st</sup> and agency is the third Thursday of the month. Sanostee will sponsor the District 12 meeting in September. Hopefully by then it will be an in-person meeting. It's harder to do through the telephone. Based on the orientation, they told us it is 10 or less people in a meeting. Once we know, like if everyone has gotten their vaccinations. Of course, go by social distancing, wear your PPE.

Christine Benally: What is the call-in numbers for those meetings? Also, we need those water areas in the mountains fixed.

Alonzo Cohoe: The ones in the mountains because it was through the TCC. The 10-year memorandum of no repairs is why it's been difficult. We've been trying to get them to fix those wells in certain areas and some of the roads. If RDC can lift those mandates, then it will make it easier. I think we have to go through Forestry as well. We would like a request letter to which well that needs work. They do have numbers. Then we can get them in line and get a request in.

Christine Benally: So, you need a letter from us?

Alonzo Cohoe: Yes, that would be nice, since you are grazing permittee.

Christine Benally: I can email it to you. What's your email address?

Alonzo Cohoe: [acohoe23@gmail.com](mailto:acohoe23@gmail.com). Apparently, we had a list for repairs down here but it went somewhere from back in 2000 to 2008. It couldn't happen because of the mandate to not fix those water wells.

**7. CCSD Suzette Haskie. Not present on the call.**

**8. Christopher Curley, NTUA Choice Wireless. Not present on the call.**

## 9. Community Roads Update.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn reported. We just received an update regarding the N5012 bridge. They will be starting construction this year. Soil upgrade on N34 west. Contractor has been selected. 2.5 miles of soil stabilization and gravel. They will be by-passing the culverts. BIA is replacing those culverts. The one near bear canyon should be done by this month. The first wash out has some issues but we are working on that. N5010/Road 9550 there is centerline and topographic surveying, should be complete by next month. Once complete, we will have the opportunity to request for funding for the double chip seal because the clearances and surveys will be complete. We currently are working with the State of NM for 5016, 5005, 5092 and the main bus route across Littlewater store to start the clearances. These projects are in the works. Any questions? President Haskie: If no questions, next item.

## 10. ADD ON AGENDA: Sales Tax and Unhealthy Food Tax Budget

President Haskie: We received money for Sales Tax and Unhealthy food for 11,507.40. We have to do a budget and need some ideas. I would like to open for discussion. Healthy food has anything to do with exercise and health. What can we provide, training or buy?

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: These are some of the allowable items you can use this funding on. Instruction for wellness, health food classes. Equipment. Building recreational environment. Social setting health clubs, Education classes, health initiatives such as gardens, cleaning community. Health/Emergency preparedness. Matching funds from another place. Any suggestions? Again, we have \$11,507.40. However, 10 % is withheld for our sanction status.

Christine Benally: Are we on old business? I guess I fell asleep and lost track of where we are.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: We received an allocation and need to budget \$10,356.66.

Tahnibaa Natani: I'd like to acknowledge the chapter officers, grazing official and community members on the call. I am proud of my chapter for using virtual means to have the meeting. It's a new thing and we can adjust to it. Everyone has a nice land that has soil that is very healthy to grow vegetables. Possibly having education available to create small gardens at the home areas. Seed distributions? My area, I have to contend with wind and heavy heat. Maybe we also have those challenges, education on gardens.

President Haskie: Very good idea!

Vice-President Henderson: Thank you for the floor and those on the call. We talked to the other day about this. It would be good if someone helped out with their fields and then the Chapter can work with that to educate others. It's up to you on how the money is used. We will support what you guys would like to do, that's why we ask for your input.

President Haskie: We only have 11,000. We fully support that idea. One area we could work on. We have to have a resolution approved as soon as possible, but we need a budget first. We were going to come up with a budget but I asked to present here, so we can get input. The gardening is a good idea. Any other comments or maybe an idea?

Phyllis Todacheene: Along her suggestions, that's a good idea. Along with that, it connects, maybe flowers or shrubs. When you see a pretty lawn with flowers, it touches your heart and mind. Mine, we need to really keep that healthy. Like a plot of flowers in front of you house. Most areas have bad soil but if we utilize this and get proper soil. Just help beautify around and our minds.

President Haskie: Great idea! Flower potting session.

Perstine Tsosie: That is a great idea! My concern though, would be the water. You know tap water is not as good for gardening.

President Haskie: Any ideas? We have wells in the community. Maybe haul from there.

Perstine Tsosie: Unless you can buy small barrels and manure to mix well with their soil.

President Haskie: I think we have a lot of manure in the community. We can go to someone's home.

Tahnibaa Naatani: Those concerns, if it is approved to have a project to focus on home gardens or land scaping. Maybe it can be broader for landscaping. I agree with the flowers, it really does lift up our spirits. With this workshop, that's what can be learned. There are people out there that are knowledgeable in these areas. It could tie into home recycling. What can we recycle or how to use these for water capturing? [INAUDIBLE]. There are people who can help us learn more. You are asking for ideas and some people are not able to call in, maybe we can send ideas to the chapter by email. Maybe that's another suggestion.

President Haskie: Of course, yeah. We have a newsletter that we publish and it has our phone number and email on there. My email is [jghaskie16@gmail.com](mailto:jghaskie16@gmail.com). If you have any ideas, send it to me or Jourdan or Gerald. We do meet on a weekly basis. We do talk about these and would be good to hear from you. Next is the Sales tax budget. We received 51,000. However, we had to budget some of it for the activities that we had. We used diesel fuel, repair on equipment and road supplies. We want to use the money for that. We are in sanction, in case you don't remember, anytime we get money, they take 10%. So, they took off 5,000 and left with \$19,404.00. That's the amount we can spend and particular items only, Jourdan go ahead.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: The allowable are strategic planning, economic development, land clearance, community beautification, capital improvement projects, CLUP development, CLUP stipends, ordinance or zoning authority, purchase of motor vehicle or heavy equipment and travel expenses.

President Haskie: Those are the permissible items we can spend the money on. It sounds like community beautification is on here. It can be used for our trash problem. We've been brainstorming about how we can address that big problem. Maybe some of you have comment on that one.

Darlene Smith: Good Morning. We talked about the Old trading post. What is going to happen with that? That's a concern. It's falling apart and people are taking stuff. It's kind of sad to see.

President Haskie: Anything else?

Darlene Smith: So, does the Old Trading post belong to Sanostee Chapter? I don't understand that. I don't think it is repairable.

Perstine Tsosie: We can just stick with the trash.

Vice-President Henderson: When Frank was President, I went to RBDO and spoke with Sally Benally. She was asked to demolish it because it was abandoned, plus some people are using it as a drug place. She said it wasn't a priority to them. Someone is supposed to come out and assess that building. As far as I know, I don't think anyone has come out yet.

President Haskie: Okay, I think that's something else we have to do some work on. Any other ideas? About trash, I was informed, the big wash, it has a lot of trash. All kinds of stuff. In Tocito too that trash is being dumped. Our people are just dumping trash. It concerns everyone in this community. It's good to hear from you about it. Those who have animals, they are really concerned about that because the animals eat and drink in these areas. What should we do?

Christine Benally: I have a neighbor who has a lot of trash. I called EPA, and Timothy Bitsuie came out. He said, in Window Rock there is talk about, giving this back to the Chapter. So, the Chapter needs to come up with a plan to address this and then enforcement. Maybe it needs to be a part of the CLUPC or another committee. It needs more discussion and even a policy.

Vangee Nez: I propose, Sanostee Chapter, if the money is there. Have 1 or 2 times a week and have people bring their trash to the Chapter so they can dump it. Some people don't have the money to even take trash to the transfer station. I hear on the radio that other communities, they can bring to the chapter and then they go dump it. If we really devote and volunteer to clean up the washes, it can be done. It is up to us to do that. It is a concern for the livestock. We need to report the people who are dumping. If the chapter officials know, maybe we can contact them and have them bring their trash to the chapter. Even burning it is toxic, that's also hazardous. Does EPA really come out an investigate too?

President Haskie: It's good to talk about these things. We need to work together in this community. Let's all think this way. Anyone else?

Phyllis Todacheenie: About this trash, if we could and allowable, this money can bring in big trash bins. Contact the company and bring those big trash bins in. Tell the people to dump their trash and maybe have a schedule. The wash areas, I think there are people who like to sit there through the night, then throw the trash. I think we have to actually pick up and bag this trash. We can't move mountains but we can do a little at a time. There are people who have no vehicles and still burning wood and coal. Like the ashes, they probably can't haul it away. Some way, we need to help them. Then the company can haul these items off.

President Haskie: We have brainstormed about those that you have mentioned. It's going to cost money and we will find money elsewhere. Thank you to everyone who spoke. You have our emails; chapter has a website. Bring your ideas.

**Motion by Phyllis Todacheene**

**Second by Darlene Smith**

**Memberships vote 17 (Perstine Tsosie, Darlene Smith, Vangee Nez, Phyllis Todacheene, Tahniibah Naataani, Sarah Naataani, Christine Benally, Sharon Martin, Narron Martin, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the reports.**

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-30.** Resolution Accepting and Approving 5 new members to the Community Roads Committee for 2021-2024 Term. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration Office*  
Resolution was read into record.

No Discussion.

**Motion by Darlene Smith**

**Second by Christine Benally**

**Memberships vote 16 (Christine Benally, Phyllis Todacheene, Sharon Martin, Larry Martin, Leonard Baber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Angela Gettler, Tahnibaah Naataani, Sarah Naataani, Perstine Tsosie, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

## **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-31.** Resolution Accepting and Approving to advertise, interview and hire an Office Assistant for 6 months. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration Office*  
Resolution was read into record.

No Discussion

**Motion by Darlene Smith**

**Second by Gerald Henderson**

**Memberships vote 17 ( Phyllis Todacheene, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Perstine Tsosie, Angela Gettler, Tahnibaah Naataani, Sarah Naataani, Christine Benally, Sharon Martin, Narron Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Dean Martin, Vangee Nez, Leonard Barber, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- 2. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-32.** Resolution Accepting and Approving to advertise, interview and hire a Maintenance/Custodian for 6 months. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration Office*  
Resolution was read into record.

No Discussion

**Motion by Gerald Henderson**

**Second by Phyllis Todacheene**

**Memberships vote 18 (Darlene Smith, Angela Gettler, Perstine Tsosie, Phyllis Todacheene, Vangee Nez, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Christine Benally, Sharon Martin, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Tahnibaah Naataani, Sarah Naataani, Harrison Tsosie, Alonzo Cohoe, Narron Martin, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- 3. Discussion Item:** Merging lane on US Hwy 491 from N34 going Northbound. *Sponsor: Community Member Concern.*

President Haskie: This concern is about our road at the junction, we would like to have a merging lane built for us. N34 getting on the main highway, is difficult because there is no merging lane. We would like state highway to look into that for us.



Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: We will draft up a letter to send to New Mexico Department of Transportation, since they are the owners of this highway. In the letter it will contain this merging lane and also contain the no center median/crossing at Hwy491 and N5016. We have brought this to their attention before and will do again.

**Motion by Tahnibaah Naataani**

**Second by Gerald Henderson**

**Memberships vote 19 (Darlene Smith, Phyllis Todacheene, Angela Gettler, Perstine Tsosie, Jerome Sandoval, Amanda Sandoval, Tahnibaah Naataani, Sarah Naataani, Christine Benally, Harrison Tsosie, Leonard Barber, Sharon Martin, Dean Martin, Narron Martin, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-33.**

- 4. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-34.** Resolution re-affirming the Authorized Local Emergency Response Team/Certified Emergency Response Team and Accepting all new members for the 2021-2024 Term.  
**Sponsor: ALERT/CERT Team Leader**

President Haskie: We have a really good team established. We want the community to approve this team.

Resolution was read into record.

President Haskie: It is open if any one wants to join and help. We would like to see more members. Any place where someone is lost, maybe an accident or anything with emergency. Our team does get involved in those incidents.

**Motion by Christine Benally**

**Second by Gerald Henderson**

**Memberships vote 18 (Perstine Tsosie, Sharon Martin, Narron Martin, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Tahnibaa Naatani, Sarah Naatani, Phyllis Todacheene, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Vangee Nez, Jerome Sandoval, Amanda Sandoval, Christine Benally, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- 5. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-35.** Accepting and Approving the Financial Report for the month of February 2021. **Sponsor: Chapter Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn**

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn provided balance sheet, revenue and expenditures and budget to actual. Reports were read into record and will be attached to minutes.

No Discussion.

**Motion by Roz Barber**

**Second by Darlene Smith**

**Memberships vote 20 (Darlene Smith, Perstine Tsosie, Phyllis Todacheene, Angela Gettler, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Vangee Nez, Tahnibaa Naatani, Sarah Naatani, Sharon Martin, Narron Martin, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Christine Benally, Jerome Sandoval, Amanda Sandoval, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- 6. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-36.** Supporting Resources And Development Committee; Approving The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Project Plan For Crop Year 2021 Pursuant To The Sihasin Fund Pasture Range And Forage Expenditure Plan Enacted By Co-57-16 And Amended By Cm-54-18. **Sponsor: Council Delegate Crotty**

Resolution was read into record.

No Discussion.

**Motion by Gerald Henderson**

**Second by Jourdan Washburn**

**Memberships vote 15 (Darlene Smith, Perstine Tsosie, Phyllis Todacheene, Vangee Nez, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Vangee Nez, Jerome Sandoval, Amanda Sandoval, Sarah Naatani, Tahnibaa Naatani, Angela Gettler, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- 7. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-37.** Supporting Resources And Development, Budget And Finance, And Naa'bik'iyati Committees, And Navajo Nation Council; Approving Supplemental Funding From The Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance In The Amount Of \$1,616,413 For The 110 Navajo Nation Chapters; Community Emergency Response Plans; Waiving 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F), And (J). **Sponsor: Council Delegate Crotty**

Resolution was read into record.

No Discussion.

**Motion by Darlene Smith**

**Second by Phyllis Todacheene**

**Memberships vote 15 (Perstine Tsosie, Phyllis Todacheene, Sharon Martin, Narron Martin, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Angela Gettler, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Jerome Sandoval, Amanda Sandoval, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- 8. Resolution No. TAT-21-03-38.** Accepting and Approving the Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2021 Carryover General Funds in the amount of \$365.39. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration Office*  
Resolution read into record.

Motion by Roz Barber

Second by Amanda Sandoval

**Memberships vote 18 (Phyllis Todacheene, Perstine Tsosie, Christine Benally, Sharon Martin, Angela Gettler, Tahnibaa Naatani, Sarah Naatani, Leonard Barber, Dean Martin, Harrison Tsosie, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Jerome Sandoval, Amanda Sandoval, Darlene Smith, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.**

~~**Resolution No. TAT-21-03-40.** Supporting resolution for Horse Round up *Sponsor: Grazing Official Alonzo Cohoe.* Removed from agenda, deferred to April meeting.~~

**9. ADD ON AGENDA: Cemetery**

President Haskie: This is a discussion or concerns for people who are involved with this topic. We needed to talk more about it. This is the first time I heard about the concern from the community. We've been working on this particular area for a while. My concern is that it's hard to hear from all of you all, I was discussing with the Chapter Official about getting together. I know the pandemic prevent us from meeting, more than 10 people. We can look into the criteria set by the health department. I would like to talk about this. I know Christine is one and Elouise. If we could talk about it, it would be good. I want to hear from everyone. It would be helpful if we can talk about it together, what do you all think?

Leonard Barber: Hello to everyone. We live and have animals in the Table Mesa area. You are talking about placing a cemetery right in that area. There are animals that live there and vegetation there. There is a sacred area there as well. I am opposed to this. I would prefer to talk about it now than later and have it dragged out.

Narron Martin: Hello everyone. (Introduced himself). Stanley Martin and Pauline Martin were my parents. I do not agree with this cemetery. There are traditional things that we do, we pray to the east and it doesn't mix with this cemetery location. There are ceremonial areas and stories associated with this area. I want to talk about this now and I don't agree with this cemetery.

Harrison Tsosie: Hello everyone. (Introduced himself). We were not fully aware of these plans. From what I've been hearing, only one person is against this and the rest of us were for it. That isn't true, we all don't agree with this. This area is a ceremonial area. My livestock also graze in this area and it is used. I don't agree with this. No one came to ask me about this, besides Leonard mentioning it one time. Then I heard about it in September but otherwise, nothing else.

Sharon Martin: I wasn't aware of this either. I am opposed to the cemetery. There is too much trash when you see cemeteries, people don't take care of it. I don't the full details besides 30 acres and that's too much. I don't agree just like the others.

Marietta Barber: I share the permit with my brother Leonard Barber. Our father George and Marie Barber have resided here and that's who we come from. Alonzo Cohoe brought a paper to us, saying they want to build a cemetery here. We opposed it. I know my father said No, I know that from back 2001. I don't know what paper he is talking about that he signed it. I think it might have been changed.

Sarah Naatani: This was something that was talked about, a long time ago. Back then, my mother said no. I am also against it as well.

Dean Martin: I am against, no cemetery.

Christine Benally: Our customary use is way out there. We do use that are because it's a grazing area. There are ceremonial areas to it too. You need to have that respect. Some may not know, maybe forgot or respecting it. There is vegetation there. I have pictures of our cattle there. I am against it too. I don't know if Daisy is on the line. RDC was talking about this. They talked about no policies about this, so there is none.

Tahnibaa Naatani: I am also in opposition of having the development of the cemetery there. [INAUDIBLE] I am just also wanting to indicate that I am in opposition. I have seen cattle and horses graze in that area.

President Haskie: A lot of you have spoken about this. We have to remember this is for the community of Sanostee. If we here no after no, how can we do this? There are policies about having a specific place for this. It can't just be anywhere to do this. This is something they explained to the Chapter. This isn't going to work if we keep hearing no. Are there any other areas to consider this? We are looking for input. We need ideas or places. That will help us as well. We need more discussion on this.

Leonard Barber: A while back and Alonzo should know. MM 76 east, right pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> powerline, that was okayed by Harry Begay for Sanostee Chapter. There is no vegetation growing there. It's right next to El Paso gas line. That's a place for this. Mr. Cohoe knows about this area.

LaVerda Washburn: I wanted to also put that this item has been discussed for more than 4 years than they are saying. We have gone through 5 or 6 sites in the community and most were already family cemetery plots to expand on. Everywhere we went, we got the no. We did get the no from these people, so we went elsewhere. The last one was at Bennet's Peak, there are a lot of permit holders there and said no. That's why the chapter went eminent domain for this site. It's already been approved by CLUPC and the Chapter. If you are going to look at different areas, you'll have to get those papers back from Window Rock. As far as I know, it was being worked on and the permittee would be reimbursed for that land.

President Haskie: I don't think the paperwork for this item is not really in Window Rock yet. It's still here at the Chapter. If this place Leonard is mentioning, we can look into that. We would like to expand the existing gravesites if a family would let us. We do have \$80,000 to use from the State of New Mexico that we need to use. They keep asking every month what have you done and that's why we expedited the item. If we don't get a site, we can lose it. Please help us get a place.

Christine Benally: Before I went to RDC, I told Frank they didn't have the consent. It was skipped by the chapter. The old landfill in Tocito, there is an area where there is no vegetation. Not sure about livestock. The tribe is looking at these policies, like embalming and caskets are not good for the environment. People need to consider those other options. It's a consensus the Table Mesa residents are opposing it. We can just respect that and give them the resolution they are wanting.

President Haskie: Okay, thank you.

Harrison Barber: Hello to everyone. The reason why I want to say my input, because I was selected as a CLUPC member and it's apart of my concern and opinion with this discussion. Thank you to Leonard and the Martins. I like to listen to people's concerns and hear it for myself. It's better to approach those individuals in person. I am glad you guys are on this call. I had questions about this area and it was good to hear you clear those up, such as your livestock. I am well acquainted with this community. It's good to have suggestions, like President is asking. It's not only Sanostee but 110 chapters that is in this predicament. They brought it to us and said to make it work. The population is growing but not the land, it'll stay as is. Our kids will eventually want to look at a piece of land or homesite lease. In the long run, it will be more difficult for them. That's probably why all 110 chapters are asked to do this. I just ask to think about these sorts of things. We would like to get your ideas and input. I am the one that will be dealing with these issues.

President Haskie: Thank you, I appreciate what you said. We have CLUPC members who want to be apart of these things. Thank you everyone who spoke today. I believe we will have more discussion on our end. Is that okay?

Amanda Sandoval: can you guys get the land back, where the school was and use that as a cemetery. Put that track back, store or laundry mat. Plus open the clinic back up, instead of going to Shiprock.

President Haskie: This land, BIA has not given it back to chapter. We have plans for that area but we do need to get the land back. The clinic and everything, it's future plans for the community, under a new place. Our CLUPC will be working on that.

Narron Martin: You mentioned we should all get together to talk about this. When will that be? How and When that we can get together. It's better in person.

President Haskie: Yes, let us talk about it and schedule it. Then we send it out. We will set up a date. Anything else? If nothing, we will go to conclusion of meeting. Wait, Christine were you talking about another resolution.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: Christine, we received your resolution but you have two separate issues on that resolution. They need to be separated in order for them to be voted on. We do have it but it needs to be in two separate forms.

Christine Benally: Okay, I can do that but let me talk about the waterline. Right at my turnoff, MM 70 next to it. They want to put a waterline in a ceremonial area. Those are sacred areas. I wrote a letter to Window Rock about it. I asked them to put in the ROW. There are meanings to these ceremonial areas where they want to put this waterline. They told us before they would provide our livestock with water, be able to use the water to farm and that wasn't just gossip. Now they are saying that wasn't agreed on and are falsifying. Some people are saying they didn't approve it. They are just going over us. I am asking for a support resolution to move the pump house and move the line in to the ROW. There are sacred areas there. Even habitat for wildlife. That's why I am asking for this resolution.

President Haskie: Thank you. I don't know the details of this situation. We need to get into a little more to understand it. Plus, your resolution, it has to be written for it to be approved. Next meeting in April, we can put it on the agenda and talk about it.

Christine Benally: I can do it right now.

President Haskie: is it one or two resolution?

Christine Benally: Just cut and paste into two.

President Haskie: We've been told by Window Rock, make sure you read the resolution with everyone present. Including seeing the resolution. Your resolution should be discussed at our planning meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. I hope you understand for it to be right.

Christine Benally: I just want to mention, the last meeting, there were resolutions that were added on. Why not this one?

President Haskie: We don't have that right now, we have to have it to read it.

Christine Benally: I emailed it at the beginning of the meeting. Just exclude #6.

President Haskie: They need to be separate.

Christine Benally: All you need to do is take off six. The language is the same.

President Haskie: There is a problem with that. Explain it.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I have the resolutions yes, the title and details include both concerns on it. I think it would proper to bring those people in, to discuss this. That's up to you. The resolution has both in it.

President Haskie: Did you get that Christine?

Christine Benally: Yeah I got it.

President Haskie: I don't think we should address something we know nothing about. We need to talk to these people. If a resolution is needed, then we can. I don't know how those Right of Ways were done and when. Some we cannot do anything about. I need to know with our officials.

Christine Benally: I sent some emails from June and September. It was sent to the officials. Maybe they can forward it.

President Haskie: I need to reschedule the planning meeting to Thursday because I am on jury duty. This resolution, let's table it until next month. I would like to get more information about it.

**Motion to table item by Roz Barber**

**Second by Darlene Smith**

**Memberships vote 9 (Phyllis Todacheene, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Angela Gettler, Perstine Tsosie, Vangee Nez, Alonzo Cohoe, Jourdan Washburn and Gerald Henderson) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to table this resolution.**

**III. NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2021 at 2 pm- April Planning Meeting**

**IV. CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT**

**1. ECHO Food Bank- April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**2. Our Secretary, Jourdan's birthday is today.**

**3. Deb Haaland is our new Secretary of Interior. Congratulations.**

**Motion to adjourn by Gerald Henderson**

**Second by Jourdan Washburn**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm**

**Memberships vote 3 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Alonzo Cohoe) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to conclude the meeting.**

**Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: \_\_\_\_\_ on 03/31/2021.**

**Chapter Administration Rec'vd: \_\_\_\_\_**