Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter

September Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes

by Teleconference & In Person Limit of 25 persons September 6, 2022 9 a.m.

VAJONA, VA

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:16 a.m. by President Haskie

2) ROLL CALL

Roll Call of Officials

President: Jeanne Haskie-PRESENT

Vice-President: Gerald Henderson- PRESENT Secretary/Treasurer: Jourdan Washburn- PRESENT

Grazing Officer: Alonzo Cohoe- PRESENT Council Delegate: Amber Crotty- ABSENT

In person

- 1. Kori Tso
- 2. Glenn Duncan
- 3. Helen Henderson
- 4. Harrison Barber
- 5. Ervin Henderson

Online:

- 1. Elouise Brown
- 2. Tommy Nakai
- 3. Linda Shirley
- 4. Jennifer Curley

3) INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson.

4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Haskie read resolution into record.

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Gerald Henderson

Memberships vote 5 (4 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) to accept the agenda.

5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe Second by Gerald Henderson

2 corrections to be made by Secretary/Treasurer.

Memberships vote 6 (4 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the minutes.

6) **GUEST SPEAKER(S):**

- a) San Juan County Clerk's Office- General Election- Did not report. Not online or there in person.
- b) BIA Fire & Aviation Fire Prevention, Esmerelda Tsosie.

Ms. Tsosie reported. BIA Fire & Aviation out of Ft. Defiance. I am part of the Fire Prevention. We have several organizations. We have hotshots that are in California, helicopter in Washington and a hand crew. We do units in Shiprock. Very busy during the spring time, especially with burning and farming. We probably hit more than 80 or more fires, a lot have to deal with ag or farm burning. Sometimes it takes off from them. Stage 1 Fire restrictions, the NN does not need a burning permit.

Still get registered with the EPA and we may need to dispatch personnel. So, we will know the information, so we recommend to get registered. Fire Danger is low but already drying out. We do get lightening fires in the mountain. Go ahead and call it in. There are times it may be going two to three days later; we are monitoring it. Sometimes the roads are bad and it's hard to get to the location. We have to think about the safety of the personnel and equipment limitation as well. Average monsoon this year. Do your part and go camping, put out your fire before you leave. If you see someone start a fire, you call the tip line. There are fliers at the chapter.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

(a) Resolution No. TAT-22-09-59. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING NEW MEMBERSHIP OF MS. SARAH WHITE TO THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Kori Tso Second by Glenn Duncan

Sarah White: From Sanostee. I placed my letter of interest before but was not chosen. Then I was told another position had opened and I figured, I could do it. I am not working a 8 to 5 job but could do it. I have worked with the Sanostee community, on the school board. I would work with those in the Chapter Office. I was a Chapter Official as well and served four years. I am still a resident of Sanostee. Introduced herself in Navajo. I will do my best to help out.

No further discussion.

Memberships vote 2 (1 in person and 1 online) in favor, 3 (3 online) opposed and 6 (5 in person and 1 online) abstained for resolution. Motion DID NOT pass; therefore, resolution does not pass.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Resolution No. TAT-22-09-59.** ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2022 WITH ATTACMENT A & B.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn and read financial reports with attachment A & B.: Budget to Actual, Revenue and Expenditures and Balance Sheet to membership. Reports were provided to membership by paper document, Zoom and Facebook live.

Motion by Sarah White Second by Lindsey Benally

Alshanna John: I am looking \$17,128.50, did I hear that correct, that was the summer employees?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: # 7, Fund 15? That's the Public Employment Program. That's the Office Assistant, Custodian, Carpenters, Operator and Summer Youth Supervisor. That's their payroll for August.

Alshanna John: Just for the Summer?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Just for August from the 1st to the 31st.

Memberships vote 10 (5 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the financial report and resolution.

(b) Resolution No. TAT-22-09-60. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING NEW MEMBERSHIP OF MS. KORI TSO TO THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER COMMUNITY ROAD COMMITTEE.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Gerald Henderson

Kori Tso: Hello to everyone. Thank you for coming to the meeting. I was apart of the committee before as the secretary. About 2 months ago, I stepped down. I was hoping someone would fill that position. Now our Chapter secretary is having to do the paperwork. So, I've decided to join the committee again. The roads are an everyday topic. There are roads in all directions and have numbers assigned to them from BIA and Navajo DOT. I understand those. We all take care of certain areas in Sanostee. I would like to participate and help. We work with different departments, agencies, state and federal agencies. That's why I am putting my letter of interest back in. I am from here. Introduced self in Navajo. I am retired and take care of my sheep these days. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Memberships vote 5 (5 in person) in favor, 4 (4 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

President Haskie: We really need help on these committees. Those of who vote no, come in and help us out. Become a member and be apart of talking about road improvement. Come and help, it's a lot of work.

(c) Resolution No. TAT-22-09-61. THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER HEREBY SUPPORTS AND RECOGNIZES THE LAND WITHDRAWL FOR COMMUNTIY DEVELOPMENT, WHICH MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, PUBLIC USE, OR GOVERNMENTAL USE. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IS NOT SUPPORTED FOR THIS AREA.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: We are talking about getting a new facility for the chapter with this new location. Economic Development including a Laundromat. Including a police station, facilities for the children like a youth center. Looking at a permanent Post Office, not the one currently. That was just an emergency decision and we need to find a permanent location. Those will be apart of this development. If the land is available, the money can be asked for. They always ask first, if you have the land withdrawn. That is why this is being brought here. It can be moved forward; this is the first step. There were discussions with the permit holders about this. We would appreciate your support with this.

Elouise Brown: Where is the location, that'll depend if I make a motion or not.

President Haskie: Northside of Littlewater store.

Elouise Brown: How far North?

President Haskie: Maybe a mile and a half. Elouise Brown: East or West side of highway?

President Haskie: West side. Elouise Brown: How far off 491?

President Haskie: Right next to the highway, including the 750 corridors. That will be included.

Motion by Kori Tso Second by Gerald Henderson

Memberships vote 6 (5 in person and 1 online) in favor, 4 (4 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

(d) Resolution No. TAT-22-09-62. AN ACT AMENDENDING THE PROJECT APPLICATION FOR THE OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

No discussion.

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Elouise Brown

Memberships vote 12 (5 in person and 7 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

(e) Resolution No. TAT-22-09-63. THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER HEREBY APPROVES TOTAL FUNDING FOR THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (NNFRF) CHAPTER AND REGIONAL PROJECTS EXPENDITURE PLAN FROM THE NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY FUND IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$211,256,148) TO BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE TWENTY-FOUR (24) DELEGATE REGIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$8,802,340) PER DELEGATE REGION AND ALLOCATED THROUGH DELEGATE REGION PROJECT PLANS APPROVED BY NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION PURSUANT TO 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(17) AND 2 N.N.C. §1005(C)(10), (11), AND (12).

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: This resolution is requested from Window Rock; they are the ones who decided how the funding will be given to each delegate. This funding will support the chapter projects. From Sanostee, this was our priority listing. This all needs to relate to COVID19.

- 1. Waterline Extensions
- 2. Powerline Extensions
- 3. Home improvement- A lot of people are in need of repairs. We've been trying to work on this through Discretionary funds.
- 4. Helicopter Landing Area- We lose minutes when we can get people to hospital in time
- 5. Heating & Cooling System for the Gymnasium- That is used as a shelter in emergency times
- 6. Bulldozer- Our grader can't do the full job when repairing road repairs from damages. Making these roads passable.

This is something we have been talking about and discussing. Projects we will be submitting by resolution.

Elouise Brown: I have a question before making a motion.

President Haskie: Wait, we need a motion first.

Elouise Brown: That's what I asked you, do you want me to make a motion before discussing? The reason I am asking. You already made a listing and if I make motion, it will be on that one. But this money we are talking about, it's for the people to decide. There are only a few of us here. I think we should do a special meeting for all the community members. As many that can come to the table.

Motion by Elouise Brown Second by Kori Tso

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: This is just supporting the councils dividing the money. It is not approving the listing you just heard. That will be at a special chapter meeting towards the end of September. This is just the council resolution that we are agreeing with how the council is splitting the money. The projects will be at the special chapter meeting for discussion, at this time, it is not for that particular item.

Elouise Brown: Just support Amber Crotty?

President Haskie: Yes, it is. She is right about having a separate meeting regarding the listing.

Elouise Brown: Jourdan you said at the end of September, what date and time is that scheduled?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Refer back to your calendar. It does say Special meeting.

Elouise Brown: That for the 28th?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, that will be for the ARPA Proposals and Budgets.

Elouise Brown: Can I volunteer to make an announcement to the public?

President Haskie: Yes.

Memberships vote 13 (7 in person and 6 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

(f) Resolution No. TAT-22-09-64. APPROVING THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION'S PROJECT APPLICATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PEP) FUNDS TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR ONE OFFICE AIDE, ONE RECORDS CLERK, ONE CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE, ONE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, ONE CARPENTER SUPERVISOR AND 5 CARPENTER LABORERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Kori Tso Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Kori Tso: Does this mean, all positions are for the whole year?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: No, one year is custodian, maintenance/custodian and operator. The records clerk is five months and the carpenters looking at six months. It all depends on budget approval; the length of employment will depend on that.

Memberships vote 13 (7 in person and 6 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Advertising will begin tomorrow. Starting the September 7th to September 20th, 10 business days. Vacancy will go out tomorrow. Come to Chapter Administration to pick up an application.

Elouise Brown: The previous resolution, supporting Amber Crotty. You mentioned something about your helipad. Is that in that resolution?

President Haskie: Not yet. It'll be at the Special meeting.

9) REPORT(S):

- 1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty- Not present on the call or in person. Did provide written report, attached to the minutes.
- 2. Chapter Business Update. Floor given to Secretary/Treasurer.
 - Offered CSC position to an individual who is from Sanostee. Still waiting confirmation and acceptance of the position. AMS is still being advertised.
 - o Check process with ASC in Shiprock. Approval first with Officials.
 - o 8 PEP Employees ending on the 16th, besides the Office Assistant to the 23rd.
 - o Office will have adjusted hours the last week of September since there will be no staff. Depending on the Chapter Officials schedule.
 - The new crew will begin the first week of October. Hopefully new coordinator will start sooner than that.
 - Still continuing with housing, ramps, walk in shower. Call the Chapter and be added to the listing.
 - o There will be a CLUPC Manual workshop on Friday but may change. That will be revised and go through approval process for another 5 years.
 - o Chapter will be joining the Shiprock Fair: meeting on the 11th at 4 o'clock.
 - o Budget session on the 21st at 9 a.m. All day meeting.
 - o New positions: Interviews on the 26th at 8:30 a.m.

Elouise Brown: the meeting on the 28th, what time and where?

President Haskie: At the chapter.

Elouise Brown: Inside or outside?

President Haskie: Depending on the amount, more than 25, it'll be outside. We will see.

Elouise Brown: There will be more than 25, guess it will be outside. That's how I will make my announcement.

3. Tse Alnaozti'i Veterans Organization- Not present on the call or in person.

4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe

- o Closing out the fiscal year 2022. Actually, down to our last couple weeks of tally counts. Please call and set up an appointment. Last day is September 30th.
- o BIA is asking who still needs to probate, transfer, etc. and that's what they use those tally counts, because it shows it's active. It is a very important document that is needed to have your livestock. It could help when funding is provided to livestock owners.
- o There are a lot of cows and bulls in the mountain that aren't branded coming down.
- o Be careful, the livestock are coming back from the mountains, drive slow in the open areas.

5. Community Land Use Planning Committee- Not present on the call or in person

- 6. Community Road Committee, Harrison Barber reported.
 - O Due to all the heavy rain, we got, the roads got affected. The bottom line, be thankful for the rain. The roads can be fixed but it won't happen overnight. It's affected the whole Navajo Nation. Be patient while we get the roads fixed. We are aware from the road committee but there is a lot of steps with BIA and NDOT. They have a set budget to work with.
 - o 5092 was severely affected by the rain, which some work was done but it needs a long-term solution to fix those crossings.

- The south side is okay, besides the farm area where water collected. It is scheduled for maintenance as well. The pandemic held a lot back.
- N34 West, it had been fixed before. When it floods again, it made the area only one lane again. Not sure when it will get fixed on the inlet. Fred Bedah culvert is gone. We had to make a passable road on the side.
- O Thank you to Helium company in Tocito Dome for their help. Despite what may think, they really stepped up and helped us out.
- o North side, 5012, The Yazzie/smith road, the whole culvert is uncovered. No point in fixing, needs a new culvert. That one has a bypass as well.
- Towards little water, water eroded the side of the road, even exposing a waterline in the road.
 They did repair for now but it will need some major improvement to prevent from happening again.
- Projects: The bridge. End of September for completion but due to the flood, it pushed back to early October. Please be appreciative of all the work done for that bridge. The many years it took.
- o Projects: N34 intersection, plans are at 60%. To raise the road, the money is already there. We should have another meeting when plans are done. Looking at early spring for construction.

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Elouise Brown: On road 5092, what is happening there?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: 5092, which would be your road, Elouise. There is a veteran who is receiving a Veterans home through the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration. The material trucks or concrete trucks were not going to be able to make it across the current conditions. So, BIA mobilized down there to work on it, so this Veteran can get his home. They are repairing it now and hopefully will be passable for those trucks. Else they would pass home to another and have him wait again.

Elouise Brown: Which Road are you referring to?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Your road, the main road.

Bill Begay: That Road 5010 south, the road N342 that breaks off from Emil's turnoff. It is a bus route and there is about 3 buses that go up there. I try my best to report it because it gets really bad. It's always been neglected. Then we get complaints from the bus driver, they will cut the route down. I am wondering if we still need to report that. Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, I know 342 is not maintained by BIA or NDOT, it will be a request to the Chapter. I know Sterling has gone there one or two times to work on it but I know we need a little bit more equipment to maintain that road. If you can put in that request, we will see what we can do. I know it's a really rocky area. If you can, put that request in, as needed since it will fall under private/residential road, so it can stay on Sterling's maintenance list.

Bill Begay: Okay, sounds good, thank you for your time.

Memberships vote 9 (7 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the reports

10) NEXT MEETING:

- 1. September 2022 Special Chapter Meeting: 09/28/2022 @ 9 a.m.
- 2. October Planning Meeting: 10/2/2022 @ 1 pm
- 3. October 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 10/16/2022 @ 1 pm

11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. September 14, 2022- Road Committee Meeting
- 2. September 11, 2022- Tse Alnaozti'i Veterans Meeting
- 3. September 20, 2022- CLUPC Meeting
- 4. EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM- FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

12) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Elouise Brown

Memberships vote 13 in favor (7 in person and 6 online), 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn 209/07/2022.

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Chapter Administration Rec'vd:

