Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter **December Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes**

by Teleconference & In Person December 19, 2022 10 a.m.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:26 a.m. by President Haskie

2) ROLL CALL

- **1.** Chapter President, Jeanne Haskie: PRESENT
- 2. Chapter Vice-President, Gerald Henderson: PRESENT
- 3. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Jourdan Washburn: PRESENT
- 4. Chapter Grazing Officer, Alonzo Cohoe: PRESENT
- EN. 5. Honorable Council Delegate, Amber K Crotty: PRESENT
- 6. In person Audience: 3 in audience
- 7. Teleconference Audience: 2 online participants

3) INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson.

4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Haskie read agenda into record.

Motion by Rannitta Henderson

Second by Nelson Begave

Nelson Begay: Need a correction on the dates, should be 2023 not 2022 on Item 10.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: I would like to request to table Item (m) on the agenda and move to next month. It was a last-minute resolution with no additional details of a map for this request. Also replace Item (k) with a correct resolution title. The resolution is in the meeting packet regarding the Gallup Water pipeline request.

Motioning party agreed to make changes on the agenda.

Memberships vote 7 (6 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) to accept the agenda.

5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record. Motion by Kori Tso Second by Larry Jumbo No discussion.

Memberships vote 10 (10 in person) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the minutes.

6) GUEST SPEAKER(S):

a) Nelson Begaye- update on Medicine Man information.

Our community Medicine people, as a whole is what I want to talk about. It started back in November during the Veterans meeting, discussion about the upcoming events. Flag folding here and Vice Commander Elouise had another event in little water, a trail ride. After their discussion, they asked what we though. To respect our tradition, I requested a traditional prayer with corn pollen to start the events, he had to do it himself. They gave me the task to take care of it. I found out in our community, there is only 2 medicine women from here. I know there is more than that. There were a lot of medicine men in the past. Even the stories of the Long Walk.

Don't forget your beliefs or your practices. 15 years ago, our language usage was at 80% and now it's around 50%. We need to preserve our language. What can we do about it? We are all in it together, all denominations. We all have our own prayer and belief systems. How do we save our language? It all comes down to our leadership. I depend on our Delegate as well. I know she knows some resources we can utilize to save our language. We need to look into it and in every direction. I know there are some interested in become a medicine man. Even have an apprenticeship. Any concerns, email me nelsonbegaye07@citlink.net.

Harrison Barber: I've been trying to encourage every one in that line. We are kind of slapping our younger generation down. The youth students, we have come in for work, this past summer I was glad butchering and some traditional stuffs were taught to the students. We need to have more of those so people can learn the old traditional stuff. I am sure there are people out there with those skills. We've even forgotten about our winter stories. Maybe monthly or every over monthly, have some workshops.

Kori Tso: I would recommend to start some kind of local committee and start meeting every month or twice a month. We have coyote stories right now. My husband knows a lot of stories. Invite the young ones and listen. Does Medicine Man association have an apprenticeship under them? Plus use it the right way. We need to be careful about that too. They are there to help people for the better.

President Haskie: We will work with Nelson and see if we can schedule in January. We will invite people to the discussion.

Vice-President Henderson: Thank you for bringing this up, I enjoyed what was said. There were a lot of medicine man in Sanostee and myself learned from my grandfather. I use what I learned to this day and what was left behind for me. Even the Shoe Game we had, there are different versions from the New Mexico and Arizona ways. We all learn from these different views. I personally stand in the middle of everything. Sometimes I go to church. Our language is important to pass along, especially to our younger generation. I recommend to Nelson, maybe make you our rep for this.

President Haskie: We will work together and setup a meeting regarding this in January.

7) OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

(a) **Resolution No. TAT-23-12-14.** ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022 WITH ATTACHMENT A & B.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn 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 Wilfred Sisco Second by Kori Tso

No Discussion.

Memberships vote 15 (13 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

 (b) Resolution No. TAT-23-12-15. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING NEW MEMBERSHIP OF MR. LARRY JUMBO TO THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE. Motion by Rannitta Henderson Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record. No Discussion. Memberships vote 14 (13 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

(c) Resolution No. TAT-23-12-16. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICE ON BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ROAD SYSTEM WITH SANOSTEE CHAPTER. Motion by Kori Tso Second by Rannitta Henderson

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution and road maintenance agreement into record. Nelson Begaye: I am not sure how the identify these roads. Are the roads going to the mountains, all three included in this resolution? Those roads are hard to maintain for those who have sheep camps in the mountains.

Harrison Barber: That's a good question so everyone will understand it. BIA does maintain the paved roads. Before they used to cover all the gravel roads. With all the budget cuts and employee shortage with BIA, this is when the agreement came up. The roads committee accepted that and posed it back to the Chapter for approval as well. We weren't sure if we had the budget to cover it. After that, all the graded/gravel roads, it was turned over to Navajo DOT. Sometimes BIA will still have authority over those roads. Then we have regional roads (5012, 5005, 5010, 34 and 342). 342 only gets used during the summer and will be a part of this agreement. A couple years ago, we didn't have enough funding to cover the 3 mountain roads. We had to rent a dozer. Just the two roads got done and it caused us \$50,056.30 to work on the roads. Looking at our budget this past spring, it just didn't work and we didn't have enough. Then the same time, some people started saying that road isn't used that much. I don't use that. Example: There was a fire and the fire truck had to dump some of their water, even though the road was maintained. The only thing people need to understand, we don't appreciate or take care of things that get fixed like this. It gets ruined. Then when it's not worked on, people start complaining about it not being done. It's because of things like that. Then residential roads are up to the homeowner. Unless it falls under the priority list within our Plan of Operation.

Wilfred Sisco: There were some identified road markers put up. On N34 road, going south on 5000. We use that 5000 as a physical address and there is a sign 9520. How can that be resolved. It could be identified as one road marker.

President Haskie: It could be fixed.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Indian Service Route 500 is the legal road number. The 9520, it's the Navajo Nation Emergency 911 number. Both does need to stay. When there is a local emergency and the Police, Fire Department, EMS are contacted, they don't use the 5000, they use the 9520 number. All residents have their road numbers, including more and the emergency services use that number.

Memberships vote 17 (15 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

(d) Resolution No. TAT-23-12- REQUESTING NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER, NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE 24 COUNCIL DELEGATES TO 110 COUNCIL DELEGATES TO COVER ALL 110 CHAPTERS THOROUGHLY. Motion by Rannitta Henderson Second by Glenn Duncan

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Rannitta Henderson: We should be talking about the details at the planning meeting. Who is going to follow through with this resolution? Who is it going to be sent to? Who is going to deliver this resolution?

President Haskie: It was Leo Billey and he did explain this at the planning meeting. He mentioned the current council delegate isn't here to help within our community.

Harrison Barber: As far as the policies, from local chapter, we are under the agencies.

This resolution has to go to Northern Agency. Then it would go in front of the Council. From us, it's only a recommendation and then it goes forward. The council does have to vote on it as well. We saw the same process when it was reduced.

President Haskie: Everyone will have to vote for it, through referendum as well. We will move it along.

Nelson Begaye: During the planning meeting, Mr. Billey explained it. His reason why, he is more concerned about the amount of work our leader is going through. She is covering 7 chapters and sometimes when we have the chapter meeting, a lot of time, she's got other things on her schedule. She's in Washington DC, government, council meetings and her work load are left and right. It would be good to have our council delegate here but that's impossible. We know what the protocol might be. It might take a while, to get the word out. I would recommend, 24 to 48 council delegates, instead of the 110 delegates. Would that be more of a way to go at this time?

Leo Billey: Our council delegate isn't even here. I read the newspaper; the delegate gets out voted. Like the purchase of the Washington DC building. They were saying no, but they got out voted. We are not all being represented. We have concerns. They are passing things in Window Rock without the people's approval. Like Harrison said, it goes to the agency and then goes from there. We already had 48 and now it's 24. It's created more problems this way.

Kori Tso: I'd like to table this and re-write this resolution. I agree with the 48 and then find out where it would go from here.

Substitute Motion to table for revision and place on January agenda by Kori Tso Second by Wilfred Sisco

Memberships vote to table 11 (11 in person) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained to table the resolution.

(e) Resolution No. TAT-23-12- THE EARTHEN DAM NEAR DAVID JOHN'S RESIDENT NORTH OF THE SANOSTEE CHAPTER AND EAST OF MARY HENDERSON'S PLACE NORTHEAST OF LITTLEWATER BE REHABILITATED, INCUDING ALL CANALS AND DITCHES BE CLEANED OUT.

Motion by Nelson Begaye Second by Melvin Smith

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Kori Tso: The location does not make sense.

Christine Benally: Put all items from C to K together. Then we can just attach to the plan. Asking motioning party.

Motioning party said No. Discuss each resolution.

Larry Jumbo: This is talking about the wash in Littlewater, near Cecelia's home. Also, on the North side to be cleaned out. Asking for support on this resolution. This will allow farmers to use their farms.

Kori Tso: Where is Mary Henderson?

Larry Jumbo: The northside

Kori Tso: It's confusing.

President Haskie: Who is going to work on these?

Larry Jumbo: The chapter workers.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The resolution needs to state, they are asking the Chapter to complete the work.

President Haskie: It needs to be written in the resolution.

Vice-President Henderson: Cecelia's area, that's not going to be able to be done under the Chapter. It's going to need a lot of work.

Alonzo Cohoe: Who is Mary Henderson?

Larry Jumbo: I am not sure.

Rannitta Henderson: Mary Henderson lives North of Littlewater store but there is no canal or anything.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Do we strike that name out?

Rannitta Henderson: It says, including all canals and ditches to be cleaned out. Does that start from the top to the bottom? Do we have that kind of funding? I support the farmers. I truly believe in but looking at the Chapter, do they have the resources? I do agree with tabling the resolution.

Kori Tso: Let's table this resolution and correct the wording in it. Mary Henderson does not have any ditches. Cecelia's needs to be added. Then asking for PEP, that needs to be added in. All that needs to be included, then we can approve it.

Substitute Motion to table for revision and place on January agenda by Kori Tso Second by Rannitta Henderson

Memberships vote to table 13 (12 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to table the resolution.

(f) **Resolution No. TAT-23-12-** THE PEOPLE APPROVE AN ASSESSMENT BE CONDUCTED, WHILE PROTECTING CONSECRATED TRADITION AND IN COORDINATION WITH ALL USERS AND RESIDENCE, FOR A COOPERATIVE COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMING PLAN TO BE USED FOR OBTAINING RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, RETAIN WATER, AND DEVELOP AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM TO IMPLEMENT FARMING AND PRODUCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND MARKET OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: Could you explain this resolution, Christine? Or Larry, do you know what the resolution means.

Motion by Elouise Brown

Second by Kori Tso

Nelson Begaye: There are 12 resolutions on the floor and will take a lot of time. To make things more quickly and understandable. The sponsor should be here to explain, verification and answer questions. Else we will be here all day. Just a comment and consideration for these.

Rannitta Henderson: I would recommend that, when sponsors are not here to talk about their resolutions. It should be tabled. This is why we have a planning meeting to discuss and explain their resolutions. These concerns could be taken care of them. Even though Larry is here, the person who wrote it, they are not here.

Substitute Motion to table for revision and place on January agenda by Rannitta Henderson

Second by Larry Jumbo

Christine Benally: I am trying to speak. This resolution, the people who attended the Farm Committee meeting. The purpose to move froward and develop a plan. I tried to make it inclusive.

President Haskie: I'd like to recommend; can you make it clearer?

Christine Benally: It says to approve and assessment. Its in the Plan of Operation. It already says to work with all users, a cooperative comprehensive plan.

President Haskie: There is already a substitute motion and second.

Christine Benally: If there is a second, then you talk about it. You have to give the benefit of the doubt.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: When there is a main motion and second, you have your discussion. If there is a substitute motion to table and a second, discussion ends. Then you vote on the substitute motion to table. If it passes, the resolution is done. If motion does not pass and not tabled, the discussion re-opens and you go back to the main motion.

Memberships vote to table 16 (16 in person) in favor, 2 (2 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to table the resolution.

(g) **Resolution No. TAT-23-12-17.** THAT THE TOHAASGEED NORTH OF THE SANOSTEE CHAPTER AND NORTH OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE BE FIXED.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record. Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Kori Tso President Haskie: Christine, do you want to explain this one? No discussion.

Memberships vote 15 (15 in person) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

Nelson Begaye: I understand this is North of Sanostee Chapter and North of the bridge. But there is further North of that too. There are three areas.

(h) **Resolution No. TAT-23-12-18.** AMENDING THE SANOSTEE VOLUNTEER FARMING COMMITTEE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR A NAME CHANGE TO SANOSTEE FARM COMMITTEE, CHANGE IN THE MEETING DATE, AND EDIT ERRORS IN THE PLAN OF OPERATION.

Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Nelson Begaye

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

No discussion.

Memberships vote 17 (15 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

- (i) Resolution No. TAT-23-12-19. REQUESTES COUNCIL DELEGATE AMBER CROTTY TO VISIT THE TSEALCHINAGHAI DAM SITE AND FARMS THAT WATER FROM THE DAM WAS USED TO IRRIGATE. Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Elouise Brown Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record. Rannitta Henderson: Who resolution? is sponsoring this President Haskie: The farm committee. Memberships vote 13 (11 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 4 (4 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.
- (j) Resolution No. TAT-23-12-20. REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, NAVAJO NATION WATER DEVELOPMENT, NAVAJO RESOURCES, NAVAJO ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (NECA USE OF EXCESSIVE SUPPLY), SAN JUAN RIVER WATER USERS, SAN JUAN COUNTY, AND ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS THAT THE CULVERTS LOCATED WEST OF SANOSTEE CHAPTER ALONG THE ROAD N34 AND IN THE WASH BE INSTALLED FOR ROAD CROSSING AT KATHERINE JIM'S TSEALCHINAGHAI FARM WEST OF THE CHAPTER, AT DIXON-BROWN/HASGEED SOUTH OF THE CHAPTER, AND MELVIN SMITH'S RESIDENCE NORTH OF THE CHAPTER.

Motion by Elouise Brown Second by Glenn Duncan

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Melvin Smith: North of Nelson's mom's house. There were culverts there but those washed out. There are culverts laying around in the west wash. Nothing is being done with them. I even thought of getting them myself. This goes to Roy Smith, David John, my farm as well. These need to be repaired.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: These culverts, the BIA culverts, are these the damaged ones or the ones they were going to replace back into the road?

Harrison Barber: I've been asking BIA for awhile what they were going to do with them. It's not going to be worked on right away. There are three pieces in the wash. I think those are okay to be used, at least two of them. There are two sitting there from the wash out from way before. Take the ones on top of the road, it's been three years. Leave the new ones. We did ask the ones by donkey wash for re-use. Those were moved here. I would like the two new ones transported to donkey wash for placement.

Glenn Duncan: BIA are very stingy with their materials. Need to send a resolution to BIA for the usage of those culverts. During the school demolition of the homes, we thought it was okay to take those materials but the cops and BIA were called. They said it belonged to the government. That's why I say that. I think you have to go through a process to request for the materials.

Memberships vote 15 (13 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 4 (4 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

(k) **Resolution No. TAT-23-12-.** THAT THE NAVAJO GALLUP WATERLINE PROJECT FULFILL ITS PROMISES WHILE PROTECTING CONSECRATED TRADITION THAT THE WATER BE AVAILABLE AT NO COST, FREE OF CHARGE, FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSUMPTION AND PURPOSES, AGRICULTURAL USE AS FARM IRRIGATION AND LIVESTOCK IN ALL AREAS INCLUDING TOCITO, SANOSTEE, TABLE MESA, LITTLEWATER, AND THE WATER TANKS AND PUMP STATION BE LOCATED IN LITTLEWATER ACROSS THE EXPRESS STORE.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Elouise Brown

Kori Tso: Is there a document that says, from the San Juan water, that says they will do that for the community.

Alonzo Cohoe: The documents back when it was proposed and before anything it happened. Before consents. The waterline is only for domestic use, human consumption. It is not used for livestock or agriculture uses.

Rannitta Henderson: Shouldn't it be Red Mesa Trading, it's not express. When it was explained, they didn't say it was for livestock use. Then the pump station, it was on the map and the location. It was all explained in the beginning stages. Just seems we are saying no again. I would like these corrected.

Substitute Motion to table for correction, invite Navajo Gallup Water people for explanation and place on January agenda by Rannitta Henderson Second by Kori Tso

Christine Benally: during the farm committee meeting, this is what the people wanted. They did tell us this. Howard Martinez told us this and they signed off on it because they promised livestock water. I was told that. Yeah, these people are going to drink that water but we need them to fulfill those promises. They can't be telling lies to people.

Memberships vote to table 14 (14 in person) in favor, 5 (5 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to table the resolution.

Christine Benally: Where did the Farm Committee go?

(I) Resolution No. TAT-23-12-. THE NAVAJO NATION GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS, ELECTED PEOPLE, STAFF, AND ITS OPERATIVES (NNG) ARE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY THE DINE FUNDEMENTAL LAWS AND BE TRANSPARENT, RESPOND, AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE AND OBTAIN FREE, PRIOR AND INFORMED CONSENT ON ANY ACTS, WITHOUT COERCION, FORCE, OR THREAT, TO PROTECT ALL INDIGENIOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTY, HABITAT, AND LIVELYHOOD, AND IN DOING SO THAT THE NNG AS PART OF THEIR PUBLIC SERVANT CIVIC DUTY, RESPECT AND HONOR THE PEOPLES' WISHES THROUGH CHAPTER AND AGENCY RESOLUTIONS, AND THOUGHOUT THE PROCESS ENGAGE THE PUBLIC COMPREHENSIVELY SO ALL CONSTITUENTS ARE INFORMED AND UNDERSTAND WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS, REPRESENTATION, AGREE WITH, AND ELECT ON CHANGES PRIOR TO ANY LEGISLATION OR POLICY ACTIONS, ADOPTION, AND ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING ANY FUNDS, CONTRACTS, OR AGREEMENTS (MOU AND MOA) BETWEEN NAVAJO NATION AND ANY ENTITY (FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS, ENTERPRISES, ORGANIZATIONS) ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE SAFETY AND RIGHTS AS THE TITLE 17 AMENDMENTS AND ANY ACTS.

Motion by Rannitta Henderson Second by: Glenn Duncan

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Rannitta Henderson: I was the main motioner and would like to withdrawal my motion because number 12 and 16, low education level and literacy is low. I don't agree with these words. There are elders who didn't go to school. Even some of our kids didn't go to school. I don't agree with talking against those.

Elouise Brown: I'll make the main motion.

Nelson Begaye: Very lengthy and worldly resolution. What is this for? This is NN Government on all levels. Can you explain it in Navajo? Then I'll speak about it more.

Darlene Smith: Some of it, the NN government is already doing it. If you really read it and translate it, it's not right. I'd say table this or throw it out. I agree with Rannitta.

Substitute Motion to table for revision and place on January agenda by Darlene Smith Second by Kori Tso

Nelson Begaye: If we table, it'll come up again next month. Whoever the sponsor is, maybe they can elaborate on it.

Rannitta Henderson: The planning meeting is when they can discuss it.

Memberships vote to table 16 (14 in person and 2 online) in favor, 3 (3 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to table the resolution.

Resolution No. TAT-23-12-26. REQUESTING THE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN THE COMMUNITY OF SANOSTEE, RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING THE WITHDRAWAL OF A 50' X 50' ACRES TRACT OF LAND AND A UTILITY CORRIDOR FOR SAME. Removed from agenda during approval of agenda.

9) REPORT(S):

1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty- Not Present when called upon.

2. Chapter Business Update

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn:

- 1. Spring Scholarships are available.
- 2. Housing Discretionary applications open in January.
- 3. Records Clerk advertisement starting 12/20/2022.

Vice President Henderson: Wood Permits for January, February, March and April, permits will be \$5.00. If you are 60 and older, in January can do a year-round.

Rannitta Henderson: Hauling out permit, is there a limit?

Vice President Henderson: No limits because the permits are good for 5 days and those will be \$10 starting January to April.

3. Veterans Organization

Leo Billey reported.

1. Met with Shiprock Agency, talking about Veterans Director. They keep telling us it's confidential. Contract is for 6 years is what we were told by President Nez. He says, he has 2 more years. Guess we will see what happens after Jan 10th.

4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe

Alonzo Cohoe reported.

- 1. 4 Tally counts this past month.
- 2. Grazing permit holders: Last year remember there was hay given out. Dept of Agriculture may be getting that money again. It'll be different this year. You will have to apply again. Get your tally count, so paperwork will be in order.
- 3. Livestock Management Incentive, they are going to open registration for those starting January 10, 2023 to February 10, 2023. It's an online application. They are saying 7 million dollars for Navajo Nation.
- 4. Keep an eye on your animals. I had vehicle issues and had a different vehicle. I ended up hitting a cow in Tocito.
- 5. Passed a resolution at agency. AIF monies, we allocated \$ 900,000 for each agency to get one dozer. The whole NN there is only 1.5 bulldozers. So, these earthen dams can be repaired. We talked to RDC Chair, Rickie Nez and asked him for support.
- 6. New officers in January for District 12 and Northern Agency.

5. Central Consolidated School District Board

Suzette Haskie reported.

- 1. Last meeting, we approved the redistricting.
- 2. Attended the National Congress of American Indians, Johnson O'Malley and National Indian Education Association. Got supported resolutions for funding and impact aide. Ensures JOM will still be funded if government shut down happens.

NAVA

- 3. Supported and increase for ICEP (BIA and BIE schools)
- 4. The plant closure, over 600 employees lost their job. Means school district lost 80 million dollars in taxes which puts the school district in a bind. New elementary construction in Newcomb. Would like to have an immersion program in the school and need an extra 14 million dollars for 6 classes. Working with PFSA, they will fund us at 60%. So, we need 40% and the 14 million dollars. I would need the community's input.
- 5. We need a transformer from NTUA to support the new school building. They wont move forward and construction until those are taken care of. We met with PFSA and we are still trying to negotiate with NMPED for those additional classes.
- 6. Three additional projects coming up. Newcomb High School, Newcomb Middle School and Tse Bit Ai Middle School.
- 7. Need input: Proposing a public hearing and NMPED will have a information session at Newcomb to go over the project. The biggest thing they talk about is the decreased enrollment. The next 5 years, says our enrollment is going to drop. So a smaller building was approved. We had interest in the immersion classrooms and we need the community to say yes. This information will be coming out. Getting an update on the proposed information session. Everything is still up in the air.
- 8. Board meeting tomorrow. Community can do public comment.
- 9. Special work session next month. Talking about our policies.

Rannitta Henderson: Is JOM paying for the caps and gowns this year?

Suzette Haskie: Not sure. JOM is a supplemental funding that supports Title 6. We look at the educational plan. I'd have to double check the plan.

Vice-President Henderson: How is the enrollment at Newcomb Elementary?

Suzette Haskie: 270 something. It's not about enrollment today. They did a study with the census. That's how they got their numbers. They said in all the schools, the enrollment is less. The birth rate has gone down. Our communities are not having as many children as before.

Vice=President Henderson: At Mile Post 72, at our turn off. Not sure if the bus driver mentioned it but it's dangerous for the bus to make that turn. We addressed it to the state but there wasn't any improvement. Need some type of support for safety of the students and a turn around.

6. Farm Committee

Larry Jumbo reported.

- 1. Planning meeting next month will have a new Vice President and Secretary.
- 2. The diversion dam on the west side was worked on. I did put another work order in for more work.
- 3. Next meeting: January 15, 2023.
- 4. Just working on getting these canals repaired for the upcoming farming season. It's important that we do this. Hoping for a lot of snow and water.

Motion by Rannitta Henderson Second by Gerald Henderson Memberships vote 15 (13 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the reports.

10) NEXT MEETING:

- 1. January 2022 Planning Meeting: 1/8/2023 @ 1 pm
- 2. January 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 1/22/2023 @ 1 pm

11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. December 20, 2022 @ 9 am- Soil, Water & Conservation District Meeting
- 2. December 21, 2022 @ 9 am- Community Road Committee Meeting
- 3. December 22, 2022 @ 9 am- Community Land Use Planning Committee
- 4. December 22, 2022 @ 3 pm- Benefit Pow Wow

12) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kori Tso Second by Rannitta Henderson

Memberships vote 14 in favor (14 in person), 0 opposed and 1 abstained to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn:

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: