

**Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter
Regular Meeting Minutes
By Teleconference
January 15, 2021
9 a.m.**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Haskie

Roll Call of Officials

President: Jeanne Haskie- PRESENT

Vice-President: Gerald Henderson- PRESENT

Secretary/Treasurer: Jourdan Washburn- PRESENT

~~Council Delegate: Amber Crotty- ABSENT~~

Grazing Member: Alonzo Cohoe- ABSENT AT ROLL CALL- amend to present at 9:08 a.m.

OTHERS ON CALL:

1. Mae Mallahan Tompson
2. Phyllis Todacheenie
3. Cynthia Duncan
4. Melvin Smith
5. Darlene Smith
6. Patricia Smith
7. Sadie Morris

Invocation given by President Haskie

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. Agenda was read into record by President Haskie.

Motion By: Gerald Henderson

Second By: Gerald Henderson

Phyllis Todacheenie requested to give a report on behalf of Sanostee Day School Board.

Memberships vote 4 (Gerald Henderson, Cynthia Duncan, Phyllis Todacheenie, and Jourdan Washburn) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the agenda.

Rannitta Henderson joined meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Rose Smith joined meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Vangee Nez joined meeting at 9:11 a.m.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. Minutes was read into record by Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn.

Motion By: Gerald Henderson

Second By: Darlene Smith

No Discussion.

Memberships vote 2 (Gerald Henderson, and Jourdan Washburn) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (Rannitta Henderson and Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the minutes.

Suzette Haskie joined meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Marilyn Billey joined meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Leo Billey joined meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Leonardo Duncan joined meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Sarah White joined meeting at 10:02 a.m.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER(S). NONE

V. REPORT(S):

1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty: Not present on the call.

2. CSC, Mae Mallahan Tompson

Mae Mallahan Tompson reported.

- a. Navajo Nation Inauguration was on January 6th. Welcome to the new officials.
- b. Coal Ticket distribution is going every month. We receive 50 tickets for every month. We also gave them out on the 6th, the 8th and today.
- c. We received coal on the 7th and gave them out on the 9th and including today at 1 p.m.
- d. The 12th, we had a COVID Vaccine drive for 250 vaccines.
- e. On the 25th, there will be ECHO Food distribution, that is every month.
- f. Last month, we purchased a chapter truck. It is currently pending insurance coverage, so it is grounded. This is exciting for the chapter.
- g. Current advertisement for Heavy Equipment Operator, has been going for the past two weeks. There are no applicants right now and due by 5 pm today. If none, we will advertise again.
- h. The corrective action plan, I gave a little update yesterday with the chapter officials. I will need to sit down with the Chapter President to go through it some more.
- i. Chapter does curbside service. It is closed to the public. They need to wear their mask when we are helping them.

President Haskie: Are there any questions for the CSC?

Cynthia Duncan: For the COVID Vaccine, is it for any age category? Or for all of Sanostee.

Mae Mallahan Tompson: It was for 65 and over, according to the information we received.

Darlene Smith: What does CSC stand for?

Mae Mallahan Tompson: Community Services Coordinator.

Marilyn Billey: On the vaccine, what about the caregivers? If they are not 65 of age. Can they get the vaccine? And when will there be another one scheduled for Sanostee community.

Mae Mallahan Tompson: This is just information we receive from Northern Medical Center. If you have any questions, it is best to call over there. I do not know when they will be scheduling with any chapters.

Marilyn Billey: When was the food distribution again?

Mae Mallahan Tompson: Monday, January 25th.

Vice-President Henderson: This COVID Vaccination Clinic, the chapter only provided the compound. It is mostly controlled by IHS. These questions you are asking, we do not have those answers, it is IHS who has those answers. Shiprock has a command center and you can call them to get more information, their number is 505-368-6300. They told us that it was for those who were 65 and older. Later on, they will be doing others, including caretakers.

3. CHR, Berlinda Dickson: Not present on the call. Will give report next month. She is currently out in the field with the public health nurse.

4. CLUPC.

President Haskie reported.

- a. We do not have anyone on that committee right now. The previous members completed their term. We need 5 new members to be on that committee. If you want to submit your letter of interest, you can.

5. Road Committee.

Rannitta Henderson reported.

- a. My report is not that long. In our plan of operation, we need 5 members to complete quorum but right now we are down to 3 members. We are needing membership and it is the same process for the letter of interest. I have been keeping in contact with David Silversmith in Window Rock. He is currently working on a bill to present to Lundstrom on the Hwy 491/N34 drainage study. We have been going back and forth on things. He is currently in the beginning stage. I will keep you all informed. He wanted a resolution to be passed to the chapter through our road committee, but since we do not have quorum, it will go straight to the chapter. He did not get the resolution format ready, but I would like to have that on our next planning meeting for transportation.

President Haskie: Any questions regarding roads? I know we have a bridge being built north of the chapter. Also, some other bridges west of the chapter that BIA is working on that. Where does that stand?

Rannitta Henderson: Currently right now, I am not to sure of that. Jourdan is the only one dealing with the people out of Window Rock. We are being left out of the loop on that because it was requested that they work directly with the chapter. Right there, I do lack that information so I cannot answer that, only Jourdan can.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: Yes President, I can give you an update on that. For the record, nobody has been left out of that information. I have been providing updates every month to the Road Committee on details of that, including sending out text messages and emails. So, no one has been left out, but I would like to clarify that misunderstanding. As far as the bridge on the north side, the right of way package has been submitted. Once that is approved, then bidding for contractor can be done. The west side of the chapter, the second one near bear canyon is being worked on right now. The first wash out needs the 401/404 permits and the Mr. Reed stated he would start working on that at the beginning of this year. Hopefully, these will all be complete by this year, pending all the permits and construction.

President Haskie: I wanted to know about the south road, 5010? They were supposed to do some improvement on the road. What is the update on that one?

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: As far as we know, and this was the last update from last months road meeting update. They are working on the centerline surveying and topographic surveying. The next step, we will need to find funding for a drainage study. Then once those are complete, we can do a large funding search for the double chip seal.

President Haskie: These projects are continuously ongoing. Is there anything anyone would like to add on to the report?

Vice-President Henderson: I have a question for Jourdan. How often does Navajo DOT come out to grade the roads?

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: They do it every 3 months, according to their schedule. They are only assigned to do 5012 and N34 West. The rest are under BIA to grade.

Vice-President Henderson: You know, the road to Red Valley is pretty bad.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I did put in a request, but they are not getting back to me.

6. ADD ON AGENDA: Sanostee Day School.

Phyllis Todacheenie reported.

- a. Hello to everyone. Congratulations to the newly elected officials. Our term would have ended in December, but we received a notice that we will remain until March 22, 2021. There were people asking how long we will continue our positions. There is a current court injunction, and they will let us know the next step after that date. There are three board members, Chevonne Jennings, Rannitta Henderson and myself. For the past 10 months, we only had 2 school board meetings. The other BIE schools, they have met every month.

I have called the school and text the principal to ask about that, but I haven't gotten a response. My main concerns are the school budgets, student growth, what direction the school is going. I have attended the Northern Agency school board meeting and listened in. I get all my information from there and I share what I find out. I knew we had 37 students enrolled, that was the last week of August. At that time the students were getting computers so they could continue their work. Then in December, I hear the students are getting brand new laptops. The last I knew; they are still searching for a special ed teacher. Children who receive those services, are being taught by a teacher from Tohaali. I believe the teacher goes back and forth. My biggest concern is student learning and student progress. I am asking the parents, grandparents, etc. If you have any issues or concerns, speak up for your children and talk with the school. There should be no child struggling in school. Always remember the 3 C's in any effective situation.

President Haskie: Are there any questions? It is a concern that we cannot get an update, since the principal works with school board, to see how the children are doing. Maybe we can send a letter from the chapter and ask why there is no meeting with our elected officials on the board. What do you think?

Rannitta Henderson: If you don't mind Phyllis, I would like to add to your report. Currently my grandbabies are enrolled with the school. The virtual learning is going. We did have issues with the laptops and the Wi-Fi signal. The teachers are going a good job. I really do appreciate them and being on every day. A day ago, some students got new laptops. One of the concerns that is brought up, was our lack of meetings. I know that the principal has been out, due to medical reasons, so that's why we haven't had our meetings. The staff, the school cook sends out meals for the students, the bus drivers deliver the meals and the school packets. It is also on bloomz and that is how we keep in contact with the classes. We did receive a budget from DBOSBA from Window Rock. We should be reviewing that. I believe our next meeting is next week, is that correct Phyllis?

Phyllis Todacheenie: Like I said, I will believe it, when I see it. We cant really rely on it, until the actual meeting happens. Just based on the no meetings prior.

President Haskie: If the principal is on leave, who is running the school?

Rannitta Henderson: Well he is back now. I am sure he assigned someone, but I didn't get into those details. Like right now, I am in class with my grandson. So, I don't know, I would assume the staff members,

President Haskie: Thank you for your report.

Phyllis Todacheenie: Yeah, the lack of communication from the school principal, it is like our hands are tied. I cannot force him to get a meeting going. The rule says, the board members cannot mingle in school day to day operation. I hope he comes through and starts communicating better.

Vice-President Henderson: The last time you reported, you were explaining that Wilbert Ben Lee was still on the board and only attended one meeting. Is he still in there or did they remove him?

Phyllis Todacheenie: As president, I took the initiative and reached out to him. I asked him if he was on the board or not? There was no response from him. I got a hold of the election office in Shiprock. I told the lady; we have been trying to work with him, but he won't respond. She told me, I will contact him and ask him to step aside. I have not heard anything yet. I would imagine he is out.

Vice-President Henderson: It would be easier if he would just say that he no longer wants to be a board member. He was voted in and say you were there for the children. He should have taken action. Thank you for the report.

7. ADD ON AGENDA: Tse Alnaozti'i Veterans Organization

Leo Billey reported.

- a. We have been meeting outside at Littlewater Store. We did not receive any funding for FY2021. They said it's continuing from FY 2020. We will only receive 25 % from October.

There were plenty of meetings but no budget for FY 2021. We will probably discuss it more on January 22nd at the agency meeting. This summer we gave out PPE, hand sanitizer, groceries and gloves for veterans. I wanted to know the balance for Veterans appointments, the travel money that is with the chapter. Question for the secretary.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: The balance is \$933.36 and then an additional \$530.34. I just need to clarify with Shelia. That was available for usage starting October.

Leo Billey: Can they use that for travel? To like Albuquerque. How much per veteran? Last time, it was \$150 per veteran.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: Yes, it's the same amount like before.

Leo Billey: Do I need to get a resolution approval?

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: It's still the same process Commander. You refer them with your document, then bring to Chapter for the administration. Then they will take it from there.

8. ADD ON AGENDA: Shiprock Associated Schools Inc.

Sarah White reported.

- a. I don't have any report ready because I just got the message about your meeting. I'll have one next month. The school is going very well, even during this pandemic. We have students in elementary, middle and high school. They are still providing meals to the students. The buses come out this way. We have really good food manager, James Mocassin. He does a really good job. All the students were give laptop or tablets and hotspot. They are doing well. They are working on the dormitories. We will have a meeting before the next meeting and have more information for you.

President Haskie: Are there any students in the dorms?

Sarah White: No, there is not. Just the staff comes in to do business.

Vice President Henderson: We are thankful for you joining our meetings. We kept wondering where you were.

Sarah White: I was not aware of the meetings.

Vice President Henderson: It was a concern that I had; we weren't getting anything from Shiprock Associated Schools. It is good to have you report. We like to hear reports from the school board and everyone, that way, we are on the same page. Communication is very important.

Sarah White: That is right. I didn't know you were all doing teleconference. The executive director mentioned the meetings to me. Then I got a message from Jeanne directly. We also have some staff that are sick, so prayers continue to work. Praying for everyone. If the chapter can email me at sjlapahie@gmail.com to send me meeting information or any other questions you might have.

President Haskie: Any questions?

Marilyn Billey: Going back to the CSC and the chapter. Is there a grader? That can work on the roads? Is there not one working from the chapter? We need our roads graded. The wear and tear on our vehicles. How do you request for it?

President Haskie: Jourdan, can you answer that? Or Mae?

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I don't show Mae on the call right now. I'll answer your question Marilyn. We haven't had an operator since October. We advertised in October, but no applications were received. We area advertising right now but changed it to Part Time, hoping that will get more applicants. It closed today by 5 and so far, there are no applicants. If none for sure, it will be advertised again. Until then, we've been asking Navajo DOT and BIA but they have scheduled projects that are higher priority.

Marilyn Billey: This goes back to the Day School. I feel like they are doing a really good job. We even got a report card for my granddaughter. It looks like they are really pushing the kids. The bus driver brings out snacks and their lunch. Then I deliver it, every other day to Farmington to her. Regarding the no meetings, there should be a letter written to him as to why.

Just communicate, so that way we know, we are concerned for our grand kids as well. What does it say in the policy, can the chapter do it? I am sure there is delegate person he put in charge. I called this morning to find out about my granddaughters' laptop, but they said he was not going to be back until next week. I think a letter needs to be sent to him that they need to meet and give updated information about the school. Thank you.

Phyllis Todacheenie: I agree with you. The chapter is our community chapter. The children there are our community children. I think sending the principal a letter, from the chapter, asking why there are no board meetings. That would be good. There are people saying he has health issues. I don't know and don't think it's my place to ask about his personal health issues. When you work together, you get a straight line of communication. It's good to hear some feedback about some of the students.

President Haskie: I have a question for everyone on the call. How can we get better communication to the people? To let them know about chapter meeting because some people do not know we are meeting. Can I get some suggestions?

Vice-President Henderson: Our community members, a lot don't have cell phones. Some chapters go through the radio. Maybe we can do that as well.

Sarah White: That is correct. Because of the pandemic, I don't go anywhere besides the school. I always wondered if meetings were happening because some chapters were closed. At first it's difficult to do call ins but it actually isn't that hard. Our elders don't always use phones or understand it but the grandkids could help them call into the meetings. Then the radio station as well to announce it.

Phyllis Todacheenie: That's a good suggestion for the radio. A lot of us do read, the newspaper could be utilized as well. Flyers are good too, like at Littlewater store.

Vice- President Henderson: President Haskie, we did not get a motion for reports.

Motion By: Gerald Henderson

Second by: Sarah White

Memberships vote 8 (Gerald Henderson, Phyllis Todacheenie, Sarah White, Rannitta Henderson, Marilyn Billey, Leo Billey, Alonzo Cohoe, and Jourdan Washburn) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the reports.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

- ~~1. Resolution No. TAT-21-01-19. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020 TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE CHAPTER'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.~~

President Haskie: Our AMS is out of the office today, this report will be given next month. Removed from today's agenda.

2. **Resolution No. TAT-21-01-20. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING PLAN OF OPERATION FOR 2020 DODGE RAM TRUCK.**

Motion By: Gerald Henderson

Second By: Sarah White

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn read Plan of Operation into record.

Phyllis Todacheenie: Is it fueled by diesel or regular gas.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: It is fueled by diesel.

Phyllis Todacheenie: Okay, thank you.

Rannitta Henderson: What do you mean by improvement and benefit in the plan of operation?

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I can refer that to Mae. Let me see if she can answer that. Mae are you on the line? I think she's still on the phone. What was discussed was, due to the pandemic, a lot of community members in need are calling into the chapter requesting delivery. On average is over 25 people who call to request it. We have been using our own vehicles with no mileage reimbursement. It's becoming a concern for those who use their vehicles. This now provides deliveries to those who cannot get in line for distributions. That's as much as I can add on what was discussed. Gerald, would you like add to that?

Vice-President Henderson: When we are talking about service, we are talking about many things, from the chapter to emergency and then to the pandemic. If you kind of break it down the services and identify it. Like there are even times they will use it to Farmington, to pick up supplies or parts. Then during an emergency, it will be used for deliveries. I think people will better understand it that way.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: Also, we are getting all those CARES act items, incoming deliveries would be something to put in there too.

Vice-President Henderson: It's a good thing that the Chapter has a truck now. Like Jourdan explained, we use our own vehicles to get things out there and some of us don't have trucks. It's the wear and tear on the vehicles and that's the first thing they say. Then if something were to happen, any damage, they'll ask who is going to pay for it? Now, we have this truck, and it will benefit the community. It's the community vehicle but under the chapter. It will benefit in a lot of ways, getting things to the remote areas.

Rannitta Henderson: With the purchase of this truck, I really don't have a problem with it, if it's going to be used for the community, like stated. Where does the CHR tribal vehicle fit into this? I thought that's what the tribal vehicle was there for to do these things, like wood or coal deliveries. It sounds like it's a good thing for the people but for the plan of operation, I think it needs to be a little more descriptive on the purpose. So that we know what it is going to be used for, rather than using it to just run into town picking up parts. I think those parts can be delivered, at least that's how it was before. I am hoping this truck is utilized to benefit the people. It sounds like its mainly going to be used by the people who are licensed. I agree with the mileage and maintenance log.

Phyllis Todacheenie: The question that was raised. The verbiage, whoever wrote it, it needs to be expanded more.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: Could we table this item until these recommendations are considered and added to the plan of operation, then present at next meeting.

Rannitta Henderson: Agree with recommendation and would like to motion to table item.

Motion to table by Rannitta Henderson

Second by: Phyllis Todacheenie

Memberships vote 11 (Gerald Henderson, Phyllis Todacheenie, Sarah White, Rannitta Henderson, Marilyn Billey, Darlene Smith, Melvin Smith, Leonardo Duncan, Leo Billey, Alonzo Cohoe, and Jourdan Washburn) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to table this item.

II. CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

1. Announcements:

- a. Vice-President Henderson: I would like to thank everyone who joined us on the call today. We have more people on the call this time. It's great. Thank you and welcome. We talked yesterday and all agreed to work together and move projects forward. We are here for you. We have lost a lot of community members and it really sits heavy on me. We do our best for you guys. We continue on and be there for each other. We all need to communicate, and all be on one page. Take care of yourself and be careful.
- b. President Haskie: We have orientation for chapter officials on the 19th and Title 26 presentation on the 20th. The 25th will be ECHO Food Distribution. Chapter is closed for Martin Luther King Day.
- c. Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: February 5th at 9 am for Planning Meeting. February 19th at 9 am for Regular Meeting.
- d. Suzette Haskie: CCSD Regular School Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 19th at 4:30 p.m. All details on their website and Facebook page.
- e. Grazing Official Alonzo Cohoe: Hello to everyone on the call. We just started doing our trainings. I was told yesterday; we cannot be doing everything just yet. We still haven't gotten our paperwork to Window Rock, like the oath of office. So, tally counts or homesite lease, will be until we are cleared. I would like to ask, Chapter officials, I would like to start doing reports again. It is apart of our duties and responsibilities. As a grazing official, we work with everyone, not just permit holders.

I'll start doing reports starting next month. I have people's phone number now, but I have been signing burial acknowledgements. If you need to reach me, my phone number is 354-3028. The teleconference grazing meetings haven't been setup just yet. Once I do, we will put up flyers and radio announcement.

- f. Rannitta Henderson: Roads Committee is pending until we get membership.
- g. Sarah White: Our regular school board meeting is February 13, 2021 at 10 a.m.

2. Adjournment:

Motion by Sarah White

Second by Marilyn Billey

Memberships vote 9 (Phyllis Todacheenie, Sarah White, Darlene Smith, Leonardo Duncan, Marilyn Billey, Leo Billey, Alonzo Cohoe, Gerald Henderson, and Jourdan Washburn) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to conclude the meeting.

President Haskie adjourned meeting at 11:34 a.m.

III. NEXT MEETING:

- 1. February 5, 2021 @ 9 a.m.- February Planning Meeting
- 2. February 19, 2021 @ 9 a.m.- February Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn:  on 1/20/2021.

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: _____