Tse Alnootzi'i' Chapter
October Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes
by Teleconference & In Person Limit of 25 persons
October 10, 2021
1 p.m.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 1:11 p.m. by President Haskie.

II. ROLL CALL
Roll Call of Officials
President: Jeanne Haskie- PRESENT
Vice-President: Gerald Henderson- PRESENT
Secretary/Treasurer: Jourdan Washburn- PRESENT
Grazing Member: Alonzo Cohoe- PRESENT
Council Delegate: Amber Crotty- PRESENT

In person: NONE PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL
Others on the Call: NONE PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL

III. INVOCATION
Invocation by Vice-President Henderson

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the standing agenda into record.
No additions or deletions to agenda.
Motion by Gerald Henderson Second by: Jourdan Washburn
Memberships vote 3 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn and Alonzo Cohoe) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the agenda.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST & SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn dispersed minutes in person, via email and presented by Zoom and Facebook Live.
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read August and September into the record.
No Discussion.
Motion by Alonzo Cohoe Second by Gerald Henderson
Memberships vote 5 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Cynthia Duncan, Tom Mark and Alonzo Cohoe) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the agenda.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER(S). NONE

VII. REPORT(S):
Delegate Crotty reported. She did provide a written report to the Chapter and Officials for their viewing. If anyone else would like this report, please her know and she can add you to her listing. First item is legislation regarding Emergency funding to the 110 chapters. I am requesting a written letter of support and then possibly a resolution next month. Legislation 0206-21 has been introduced and according to the supporting documents, Sanostee is looking at a total of $41,686.00. If this has changed, please let me know.
Number 2 is regarding the Navajo Gallup Waterline and for the Sanostee Connection, we are looking at 9 million dollars total plus a 25% contingency for inflation. The entire project including all connections and also Tohajilee, we are looking at a 68-million-dollar project proposal. We will continue to work with OPVP to give them that information. Chairman Nez is aware of the need for the lateral line, also our federal partners for the need with Bureau of Reclamation too. The legislation is still under comment period. Then set to go forth through the committees and then the Navajo Nation Council. We are preparing meetings with OPVP regarding ARPA, which is now called Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund. Last week I sent out an email, the recent PowerPoint and share that with your CLUPC. It'll show how they are developing this one shop project management office. All projects reviewed by DOJ to make sure they are eligible. Then delegates can soon propose some of these big projects. You’ll see at this time, there is about 900-million-dollar projects being reviewed and that’ll be moved through winter session. They are not providing details of which ones are being funded, it’s currently very broad. We want to makes sure our chapter projects are included. We will have a leadership meeting this Friday to get an update on the NN Fiscal Recovery Fund. Just read through my report about certain details and how non-certified chapters will continue to work with Community Development with your projects. One challenge is, electricity projects were not apart of the funding packet but we are using additional funding from our lost revenues to help with electricity and public safety needs. There will be a lot of information coming from our Friday meeting. Going forward, community development does not want duplicate training from delegates and what they are going to provide to chapters but I want to make sure your questions are answered. Being on Budget and Finance committee, I am able to get additional information to meet your needs. Next is the housing documents, if you have an ongoing list for housing needs. That will be beneficial. I know with Veterans; it’s been an ongoing discussion. We’ve been talking with housing manufacturing. We want to make sure our elders, those who are high risk are taken care of. Working with public safety and violence, we know there are a handful of Sanostee community members that have been victimized. We know some need better homes, especially those living with their grandparents. We met with NHA about this, burnouts as well. There is no program to help burnouts. With your Housing and policy, there is not enough funding to restore or replace a home. Also, getting insurance is hard to get on the reservation. We are trying to partner with an insurance company for those on the Nation. Tomorrow, I will be speaking at the indigenous day rally and continue to talk about violence in our community. Also, support our Missing and Murdered Dine relatives. In the four corners area, there has been a lot of activity. I would like to thank the chapter officials and community for their support. On the August 18th we will have another march since it is Domestic Awareness Month. We will continue to talk about the support our families need. Also, opportunities where they can find protective homes. We are now finding out elder abuse and where they can go.

Vice-President Henderson: Within Northern Agency, where do people go, since the buildings are shut down. Where do they take those families, when an incident happens?

Delegate Crotty: There was a nonprofit, Navajo woman and children. There was an issue with IRS tax issues and they confiscated all their trailers. NN created, Family Harmony Program, there is a shelter in Shiprock. I can send you the information for the chapter. Trudy Tsosie is the shelter manager. She does have advocates and a crisis line. If they can’t house families there, they work with surrounding shelters too. They also have funding to transport to other places. We are working with Navajo Utah Health service and they’re going to have the Blanding shelter open soon. There are resources available to the chapters.
We will provide community training as well. We will be hosting a training on an Amber Alert on Indian Country. It’s supposed to be October 29th. I hope I answered those questions.

Vice-President Henderson: When training comes up, I try to have all my members attend. You were talking about Law Enforcement, I know Shiprock District has been closed. I know the past, they’ve been trying to meet the needs. The other day I was at City Market and there was a big fight. There is no place for these guys to go, those kinds of facilities. They need to be pushed. There isn’t much being done right now. I wish all the chapters could push for that.

Delegate Crotty: Tentatively we have a meeting scheduled with Delegate Charles Newton, Social Services and NHA on the 14th, to go over the history of those buildings and what happened. There was a court case that held up those services. NN does have millions of dollars and how do we spend that money, especially for those programs. We have a group that meets every week on domestic violence issues and other sexual assault cases. I will provide the call in for community involvement. I know you have heard of some of these cases, where they are missing and are finding these younger native men are murdered in the Upper Fruitland area. On Nov. 7th we will have a walk to raise awareness and try to help the family find who murdered their son. These families are doing it alone. There are no Navajo Nation resources to help them to this day. Trying to get federal support as well.

Christine Benally: Regina Lopez contacted me. She is getting phone calls from people who would like to donate. She wanted to know what they can donate too. I can put you in contact with her. So, they can quickly get the money to the victims for what they may need. There are all these commissions and committees with the tribe, why can’t we have more than one that can address these issues and make it a priority? There could be a committee for different areas. That’ll put more resources for these areas. There are all these free webinars for training that community members can access when there is incidents that happen. I have been forwarding them and then I was told not to. If the chapter is interested, I can forward them. Take in these trainings, I know there’s push to amend Public Law 1-11-11 to get more money close to 2 billion dollars. Why can’t we include protection of sacred sites? They looked at ruins but not what we are using right now, today. I think those need to be protected. Just like earlier, like Beautiful Mountain. They place sacred stones there. More funds need to be requested to protect those sites. I know one of them is the double taxing and increased costs of materials. These resolutions that are being entertained; it has to have attached the permitees consent. I did not consent to the one in Beautiful Mountain. All those consents need to be presented first before a resolution is presented. Thank you for your representation on behalf of the people and looking at all these resources.

Delegate Crotty: Thank you Dr. Benally for those recommendations. In this type of work, I appreciate the chapters officials and their district. They have at a local level, they provide the guidance, project management. I recognize that some other districts and chapters, rely on their delegate. I just want to thank the chapter officials for having the leadership to address the issues at a local level. We have a great working relationship if there are challenges or moving some of these critical areas forward. With 7 chapters and all of them doing an amazing job. It allows myself as delegate, to tackle some of these systemic Navajo Nation issues. I am not sure why there isn’t committees or taskforce for those areas you mentioned. I will tell you; I am the only delegate on the call for these issues. Other delegates have reached out on how they can help, so there will be additional support. We need more of the councils’ support, including our President and Vice President. We passed the Dine Action plan and through that advisory committee, there will be more support. Like the Dine Saani for justice and bringing resources together for support to the communities. I can’t say why some delegates aren’t apart of those discussions. I just want to thank the Chapter Officials for continuing to move their communities forward.
Christine Benally: I just want to make people aware, we started working on the Dine Action plan back in 2013. This is how long it took Council to pass it. It takes time and a lot of work.

2. Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson- Not Present on the Call.

3. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe
Alonzo Cohoe reported. As far as BIA, tally counts are done at the end of September. I am still doing them under Department of Agriculture, up to the last day. We did have a few that were overgrazing. They haven’t returned their bill of sale to show they did anything. If nothing, we will be sending out letters to those people. If still nothing, we will send out resources’ enforcement. The branding schedule, we did not have money for it or anyone to help out. Hopefully this coming year, we might. It will be better to move our schedule to earlier dates. We will have that discussion at our permittee meeting, on the 23rd at 6 pm. It will be teleconference, people still don’t want to go to in person meetings. We just had our District 12 meeting here in Sanostee. 7 in person. 2 permit transfers and some reports from Red Valley Farm Board. I am not sure when we will reschedule meetings for next year. Schedule will be out as soon as possible.

Christine Benally: The horse round up resolution, did it pass?
Alonzo Cohoe: Yeah, it did. I already gave it to the round up crew with Dept. of Ag. They schedule when they will be out in the areas. Right now, there is nothing scheduled until next year.

Christine Benally: Okay, I called over there. They sent me to Ranger, then Dept of Ag and then to the chapter. Can you let us know about the district meetings, so we can call in too? It’s nice to know because sometimes they have trainings. Also, the transfers, I was talking to the Council Delegate from Chinle and they said a lot of people are complaining about it. Fish and Wildlife are stating they aren’t getting tally counts. I was hoping from District 12, they can send a letter or resolution to Dept. of Ag and we can get our permits processed. There is also a lot of ATV’s.

Alonzo Cohoe: On the horse round up, open your gate, let them in and we can still have these rangers take them out. I’ve been telling people we can still do that.

Christine Benally: I tried that; they aren’t coming back in. They are by Lilly’s now.
We don’t have the same people to help. I hardly see anyone on horseback and use ATV, UTV’s these days. It’s easier for them, they don’t have to feed them, that’s probably why.

The same time, if you see them, on range land they are illegal. You can call the rangers, if you know who they are. They can go to them. They end up making new roads. We get reports on that, we tell them to call the Ranger or sometimes they send police too. Some police don’t bother to enforce some of the laws either.

Christine Benally: They just drive on the grass.
Cynthia Duncan: If the owner of the livestock is on the roads, are the owners liable for it?
Alonzo Cohoe: If it’s in the right away and someone gets in an accident, the owner is liable for it. In open range, no right away fencing, the driver of the vehicle is liable. Another thing, we can call the Ranger, they can pick them up and then the livestock will have to pick them back up. They pay the fees as well.

Cynthia Duncan: Do you guys have anything to do with stray dogs? If they attack sheep or animals?
Alonzo Cohoe: You can call the rangers or the police since they are law enforcement. Department of Resource Enforcement for livestock.
If the livestock owners have livestock attacked by dogs, they have every right to shoot them. Christine Benally: Didn’t they recently pass a resolution for restitution as well? Because some little girl got attacked by a pack of dogs.

Alonzo Cohoe: There is restitution in any situation. If you know whose dog they are. You can take them to small claims court. I am not sure about the new law. All dogs need to be tied up, in the cage or in the fence area.

Vice-President Henderson: This is on going thing. Cattle with state brand, they are supposed to have them pinned up. Some let them out. We’ve been having problems with that. Where we herd our sheep. The cows are tearing up the grass. We are concerned about that. They’ve been chasing it back with vehicles. They could use the roads but they’re tearing up the ground. We have people doing that in our area. The little vegetation we are getting, they are driving on it. Sometimes, towards the south, they use those hills as target practice too. I don’t think that’s right. What if they miss their target? Some of those guns might go miles. It’s kind of scary and really loud. Are there any laws against those guns against those hills? I know they’ve been using it for target practice. Even if we go approach them, we might make enemies like that.

Alonzo Cohoe: That’ll go through law enforcement. CLUP planners, maybe they can put up a firing range that doesn’t bother anyone else. Like those in Farmington, they have they range. It would be nice for them to have that. Well, you have to do is report them to the Rangers or the Police Department. The state brand, there are people who have grazing permits and use state brands. They are allowed to do that. If someone doesn’t have a grazing permit and letting their state brand animals outside. Take a picture of the animals and do an incident report. I have them and I can print them out. Then we take it to Resource Enforcement. We do talk to them first but without that report, they’ll say it’s just talk. You have evidence with pictures, where they were at and your report. If its animal with a state brand with a grazing permit, we just tell them to move them back to their area. We just let them know.

Christine Benally: I know some people don’t have that customary use on their permit. IS that done for them? If they are in our area. We reduce to have the grass grow back.

Alonzo Cohoe: Arbitrary line, just an identification line. It doesn’t have anything to do with the laws. District 12 started giving out areas. It just became a claim use area. Customary area is where they are always at, people know that’s where they live. It’s almost like a range management plan. Not all permits have that. In Sanostee, only 40% have claim use areas or even less than that. Others don’t have a claim use area. Everyone needs to be nice and kind to others. The new permittees from 2000 on, they feel that they own the land when it’s just the use of the grass. People start saying that’s my area. I can understand that when there is a lot of permits in one area.

4. Tse Alnaozti’i Veterans Organization- Not Present on the Call.

Motion by Gerald Henderson
Second by Jourdan Washburn
Memberships vote 6 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Cynthia Duncan, Christine Benally, Tom Mark and Alonzo Cohoe) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the reports.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE
IX. NEW BUSINESS:
Motion by Kori Tso Second by Alonzo Cohoe
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.

No Discussion.

Memberships vote 5 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Alonzo Cohoe, Tom Mark and Christine Benally) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.

2. Resolution No. TAT-22-10-02. APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 TO FISCAL YEAR 2022 CARRYOVER BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 603,989.42. Sponsor: Chapter admin/officials

Motion by Kori Tso Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn and read Navajo Nation WIND forms- Pages 1-21 of Carryover Budget to membership. Reports were provided to membership by paper document via email, Zoom and Facebook live.

No Discussion.

Memberships vote 8 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Alonzo Cohoe, Direne Curley, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Cynthia Duncan and Perstine Tsosie) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.

3. Resolution No. TAT-22-10-03. ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 FOR THE PLANNING AND REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING. Sponsor: Chapter admin/officials

Motion by Direne Curley Second by Gerald Henderson

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

No Discussion.

Memberships vote 10 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Alonzo Cohoe, Tom Mark, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Direne Curley, Christine Benally, Cynthia Duncan and Perstine Tsosie) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.

4. Resolution No. TAT-22-10-03. DEMANDING THE REPEAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE NAVAJO NATION HOMESITE LEASE REGULATIONS APPROVED BY THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 04, 2016 VIA RESOLUTION #RDCO-74-16, CALLING UPON ALL DINE’ CHAPITERS TO JOINTLY DEVELOP A FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENT BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES, LAWS AND TEACHINGS EMBEDDED ON DINE’ TRADITIONAL FUNDAMENTAL LAW ON THE USE OF DINE’ BIKEYAH ON WHICH ALL NAVAJO NATION LAND USE LAWS MUST BE BASED. Sponsor: Christine Benally

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: This resolution is sponsored by Christine Benally. Do you have anything to add or want to further explain it?

Christine Benally: Homesite regulations that RDC approved, there was only 5 that voted. It then covered the whole people. They didn’t agree with how it was done. So, this resolution was passed from Western Agency and Chile Agency. They want the policies to be done correctly, ask the people what they want and have a public hearing to include the people. Delegate Eugene Tso is the delegate supporting what his people are asking. Those who had homes from a long time ago, they are questioning why they need homesite leases now. They are wondering if it has to deal with people who bring in a mobile home and end up getting it repossessed. They aren’t sure why homesite leases are needed for homes that are built on the ground.

Tom Mark: According to the regulations, we don’t really own the land. Homesite lease is to improved your home. The land belongs to BIA, the Tribe and the government. For example, my parents used to have a farm land in Littlewater but they put a high way through it. The amount she was given was $1,000 but she only got $500 and the other went back to the tribe. I asked why, why is the value so low? I was told the vegetation is low. A lot of people say my land but that’s not how it is.

Christine Benally: Back then, a lot of people didn’t understand or did they ask questions. Now we are in a position where we can question things. There is a lot of policies now. Now the recent one, is the burials. We don’t know where these policies are coming from.
Almost like they get it from somewhere and just put Navajo Nation on it. They don’t follow or favor the fundamental laws of the Dine people.

Motion by Christine Benally  Second by Leo Billey
Memberships vote 4 (Christine Benally, Leo Billey, Tom Mark and Perstine Tsosie) in favor, 0 opposed and 7 (Jeanne Haskie, Jourdan Washburn, Gerald Henderson, Direne Curley, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber and Alonzo Cohoe) abstained to NOT PASS the resolution.

5. Resolution No. TAT-22-10-04. AN ACT REQUESTING BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS SHIPROCK AGENCY, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION TO PLACE THE FOUR (4) CULVERTS CURRENTLY ON N34 WEST IN THE 1ST WASHED OUT CROSSING ON N34 FOR SAFETY REASONS. Sponsor: Tse Ahnazi’i Road Committee
Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.
No Discussion.
Motion by Direne Curley  Second by Leo Billey
Memberships vote 9 (Gerald Henderson, Jourdan Washburn, Leo Billey, Alonzo Cohoe, Tom Mark, Harrison Barber, Roz Barber, Direne Curley and Perstine Tsosie) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to accept the resolution.

6. Discussion Item-Possible Action: Changing all monthly subcommittee meetings to occur on Sundays for higher participation.
President Haskie: I am not sure if this something to chapter meeting. I think this should go to the committee members to decide. This month they will be meeting, let’s see what they say.
Vice President Henderson: I was the one requested this. The reason why is, some work during the week and the meetings are during the week. That’s why I asked for Chapter meetings to be moved back to Sunday. I wanted to ask the same as for committees. People start to talk and say that Chapter Officials aren’t involved because some work. But yes, let them discuss it at their meeting and see what they decide.
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: I looked at both sides and one of my recommendations was to have the meetings all one day and that would ensure their time appropriations. But it’s up to them and what they decide but I think would be helpful.
Christine Benally: Do the committee members know about this? Do they know? Maybe just send them a letter instead of a resolution.
President Haskie: One is meeting this Wednesday and we will bring it up. Then CLUPC is the following week. I am sure they’ll come up with good suggestions.
Perstine Tsosie: Can I still motion it?
President Haskie: No, it’s just a discussion.
Alonzo Cohoe: Does it have to be all in one day? We have 4 Sundays.
President Haskie: We are just talking about. It’s an idea but they can discuss it. We will leave it up to them. At this time, move to next item.
Christine Benally: I didn’t see the resolution that Amber Crotty was asking for. I just want to make sure that funding, the extra funding, for the scared sites. Then an option for people who want to stay on the groundwater. I think we need to give them that respect, if that’s how they feel and not be pressured to be apart of the system. Include that into the resolution. I already emailed that to Crotty.
President Haskie: We will be talking to Amber about that item. She did say she needs a response.
Christine Benally: I just want you to be aware about what they people want. Let their concerns be voiced.

X. NEXT MEETING:
1. November 7, 2021- November Planning Meeting
2. November 21, 2021- November Chapter Meeting

XI. CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Every Wednesday Evening- Zumba Dance Classes
2. October 06, 2021- Veterans Organization Meeting
3. October 13, 2021- Road Committee Meeting
4. October 16, 2021- Out of Sanction Drive up Celebration
5. October 19, 2021- CLUPC Meeting
6. October 23, 2021 - Ranchers/Permittee Meeting
7. October 28, 2021 - Trunk or Treat and Scariest Decorated Vehicle Contest

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Direne Curley    Second by Leo Billey
Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.
Memberships vote 7 (Jourdan Washburn, Gerald Henderson, Alonzo Cohoe, Leo Billey, Direne Curley Tom Mark and Perstine Tsosie) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (Jeanne Haskie) abstained to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: ______________________ on 10/13/2021.

Chapter Administration Rec’vd: ______________________________