

# **Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter**

## **February Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**by Teleconference & In Person Limit of 25 persons**

**February 20, 2022**

**1 p.m.**

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:19 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- PRSENT

2 REGISTERED VOTERS- IN PERSON

21 REGISTERED VOTER- VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1 NON-REGISTERED VOTER- GUEST SPEAKER

### **III. INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Vice-President Gerald Henderson

### **IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Darlene Smith

Second by Elouise Brown

Agenda was read into record by Secretary/Treasurer Washburn

President Haskie: I noticed there are some resolutions that were not turned in by the deadline, the Wednesday before the Chapter meeting. I am going to take those off, those needed to be here and are not. The ones that are here are # 1, # 5 and # 9 and # 11. I'd like to ask for a vote on the agenda.

Elouise Brown: I'd like to request for a special meeting for all those resolutions that are not here. Including anything to do with Helium Extraction and Hydrogen, a special meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> that can fit into everyone's schedule.

President Haskie: We scheduled the Chapter meeting on that 13<sup>th</sup>.

Elouise Brown: I thought that was the following Sunday.

President Haskie: Yes, we had to move it up and we are announcing that change today. We could have it after?

Elouise Brown: What about the day before? What time is the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>?

President Haskie: Yes, we could on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It's at 1 pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. What about the 5<sup>th</sup>?

Elouise Brown: Is that a Sunday?

President Haskie: No, it's a Saturday, wait that's the day of our Planning Meeting.

Elouise Brown: The 12<sup>th</sup> will work, Saturday at 10 o'clock. Anything to deal with helium, any extraction. Nothing can be discussed today.

Vangee Nez: Is that for Chapter members only?

Elouise Brown: Everyone is invited, but only the registered members are to vote on the resolutions.

President Haskie: If you look at your agenda, there is Item # 5.

Elouise Brown: It doesn't matter, it has to deal with extraction.

President Haskie: We can ask the sponsor.

Michael Goldsun: The sponsor is here; I am on the call right now.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: That's not the one they are talking about.

Michael Goldsun: I would like to request the name change resolution on the special meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Michael's resolutions is # 10, # 5 is Melvin's resolution. It is up to the sponsor if they want to remove it or not.

Elouise Brown: Well, that was my request, anything to do with helium or hydrogen, we will have a special meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock. For those who don't speak English, helium and hydrogen discussion, I am asking for a special meeting. I asked the Chapter Officials. I asked, those resolutions that are about helium and hydrogen extraction, to be on the special meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. These people are not listening to us. The agenda then will be just about that. Us, the people who are saying no to this, it can be then.

Christine Benally: Yes, I agree, I think we need to discuss all of it at that time. Those permit holders. Alonzo knows, when he does homesite leases, they have to have the approval of the permit holders. This is the same thing. I heard DOJ say that. If you discuss it, putting it on the agenda, that's a violation. I second Elouise motion.

President Haskie: Okay, the meeting will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Elouise Brown: If you are saying you are forfeiting the other resolutions, then that one should be included.

President Haskie: We accept your request for the meeting. However, that resolution is here and you can ask the sponsor then when it comes to it.

Elouise Brown: No, I am discussing that now. Give me the mic. Anything to deal with the extraction, special meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, that's what I asked. The President doesn't want to. She is saying the opposition can be on the 12<sup>th</sup> and we will continue the rest today. That doesn't help my request. My request is to anything with the extraction until the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Melvin Smith: Hello Chapter Officials and everyone here. A while back, I was by Rose Tyler's house. I questioned those stakes and was wondering who was getting a homesite lease. I found out they were planning to do drilling. I read the details and it stated Beautiful Mountain. I didn't agree with that. So, when they explained it, it wasn't on the mountain. It was on the flat area, away from the mountain. I thought it was on the mountain and that's why I didn't agree at first, until the explained it. There is TACITUS already operating and do not support the community and chapter. I didn't think that was right. I don't agree with that. That's why I am asking NNOGC to help the community. Thinking about the needs of the community and even the future generations. How come no one is standing up to TACITUS when they are already taking money away from the community. That doesn't make any sense. If you are concerned about Mother Earth, you place sacred stones offering down. That's what I do and that's what my grandfather always did too. That is why I am asking for the profit to be brought to the community. Those who keep saying no to this, think about what you do in your daily activities and how it benefits you. It affects all of us.

President Haskie: Okay, let's now vote on the agenda.

Rannitta Henderson: I would like to mention, since this Helium is a big issue. It seems like we are taking this out of content. We should be helping our own people; it's just going the other way. My recommendation to the Chapter Officials, in Title 26, you can retain legal counsel. From my point of view, I suggest this happen. Right now, these resolutions keep coming up and being brought forward. Some of us who are struggling, want this to happen. You are also doing discussion even before your agenda is approved. Then the special meeting request, also, under Title 26. The President shall call an emergency or special chapter meeting. If this chapter wants certification, there is a five-management system, but we seem to have forgot those regulations.

Read that, understand that, so meetings are ran correctly and not all over the place. Let the agenda be approved, there are policies for a reason. It even clearly states on the agenda, resolutions needed to be in ahead of the meeting. There are policies to follow especially if certification is on the table. These are a few things to consider, coming from those who care and want things done according to the policies.

President Haskie: According to Melvin, it sounds like he wants to keep the resolution on the agenda. Is this what you want Melvin? Elouise is asking to take your resolution out and discuss on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It is your resolution; do you want to keep it on agenda or remove? It is up to you.

Melvin Smith: Keep it on there. I am thinking about head of time, if this goes through. If it doesn't go through, then that's okay too. Just leave it in there. The proposed Porcupine Dome, that's right near my residence. It was explained, they have to get permit holders approval when the drilling is to begin. That's when the consent is needed. Right now, it's exploring to find if there is actual helium. That's what we want to know. Is it there? How much? What will be the profit? The proposed area is directly where it impacts me too. Leave it on the agenda.

Elouise Brown: Let me speak.

Kori Tso: We need to accept the agenda first, then it can be talked about.

Elouise Brown: You talk about doing it right, Melvin you saying go ahead and let them explore. Then, now you all say, need to approve the agenda.

**POINT OF ORDER called by Rannitta Henderson at 1:58 p.m. (We haven't even approved the agenda for discussion)**

Elouise Brown: Be respectful, you gave Melvin time and you aren't going to give me time. I am asking the Officials, listen. You can support it but some of us oppose it. The bottom line is simple, we don't want Mother Earth to be raped, we don't want no distraction, don't want the water table to be contaminated. It isn't on where you live. Nothing more to it.

**POINT OF ORDER called by Gerald Henderson at 2:03 p.m.**

Elouise Brown: Like Melvin said, it is happening in Littlewater. You let Melvin talk.

Rannitta Henderson: We have not approved the agenda.

President Haskie: Okay, say what you need and we will move forward.

Elouise Brown: People keep saying, how come you didn't say anything when it started happening in Littlewater. Yes, where were you guys too? 5 years ago, I kept telling the community and the Chapter. No one paid attention. Then I become the Grazing Official, no one listened. I said the same thing when TACITUS came to do face painting and gave out food. Gerald knows, he was the Vice-President then too.

**POINT OF ORDER called by Phyllis Todacheene at 2:04 p.m. (Let's get back to the agenda)**

Elouise Brown: Then people starting calling me, asking for help that's when I looked into it.

**POINT OF ORDER called by Rannitta Henderson at 2:05 p.m. (Agenda hasn't been approved.)**

Michael Goldsun: Let her finish!

Elouise Brown: Yes, let me finish.

Rannitta Henderson: Madam President, I am calling Point of Order. She already explained before Melvin spoke. The agenda needs to be approved.

Elouise Brown: The Chapter Officials aren't listening, even the Grazing Officials isn't listening. What are we doing here? Who are we supposed to turn to? You all heard NNOGC promised the 1% to the Chapter. I asked Mr. McClure that the 1% is going straight to the Chapter House. He said, yes. But Department of Justice, they looked into the agreement, it's not in there. They are already lying to us.

President Haskie: Let's discuss this during the special meeting.

**POINT OF ORDER called by Phyllis Todacheene at 2:06 p.m. (Let's get back to the agenda)**

Elouise Brown: I'm almost done. We aren't going to solve this. Now you are saying talk to an attorney, how is that going to help We should all be sitting down and talking about it.

**POINT OF ORDER called by Sarah White at 2:07 p.m. (This is all set to be discussed at the Special Meeting. Why are we talking about now)?**

Rannitta Henderson: There should be no further discussion, the agenda is not even approved.

Elouise Brown: We have to take time to discuss this.

President Haskie: Let's talk about it at the special meeting. We need to approve the agenda.

Elouise Brown: So, this is a one-sided meeting?

President Haskie: No, it isn't, we are going by the agenda.

Phyllis Todacheene: No, it's out of order.

President Haskie: Let's approve the agenda, when the item is on the floor, it can be discussed more.

\*\* {INAUDIBLE} There were too many people speaking on the teleconference line at once \*\*

Ursula Bedah: We have every right to speak our mind, where is our freedom of speech?! You are violating our freedom of speech, our first amendment.

Sarah White: She asked to discuss this on the 12<sup>th</sup>, discuss it then.

President Haskie: Do we want a chapter meeting or not?

Sarah White: We want a Chapter meeting, let's get back to the agenda. We already know what they are saying.

Elouise Brown: I can't hear, everyone else is talking.

Lindsey Benally: No, let's just decide when the meeting is. We need to decide when the meeting is.

Michael Goldsun: Move it to March.

Elouise Brown: Okay, it is a one-side meeting, right?

President Haskie: No, it isn't, you are taking over the meeting. We already said we would discuss at the special meeting.

Elouise Brown: I am not, I am requesting, a request to you.

Lindsey Benally: Isn't the President supposed to call the Special Meeting?

Elouise Brown: Okay, well then you didn't approve it. Say it!

Sarah White: Everyone said yes, so you are out of order.

President Haskie: I already accepted the Special Meeting request earlier. I already said yes, I accept it.

Lindsey Benally: Jourdan, can you do the roll call of the votes.

Elouise Brown: I think all the Helium discussion needs to be...

Lindsey Benally: Stop, stop, we are all voting.

Michael Goldsun: What are we voting for?

Lindsey Benally: On the agenda.

Phyllis Todacheene: Madam President, If the meeting is really gone out of whack, is there any way we can cancel the meeting? Stop the meeting. No one is talking properly, no one is being respectful. We aren't being diyin people.

Lindsey Benally: No that's not going to help, we need to keep moving forward.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We have the agenda voted on in person. We are now going to talk the online voters.

**Memberships vote 31 (14 in person and 17 online) in favor, 7 (3 in person and 4 online) opposed and 3 (2 in person and 1 online) abstained to accept the agenda.**

President Haskie: Thank you for approving the agenda. That is what we follow. You will have your time to speak during the resolution items.

**V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn read the minutes for both months. Hard copies were disbursed to membership.

Minutes available at chapter office, on sanostee website and Facebook before meeting as well. Requested by email was also sent out.

Motion By Gerald Henderson Second by Amanda Sandoval

**Memberships vote 27 (15 in person and 12 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the minutes.**

**VI. GUEST SPEAKER(S)**

- 1. San Juan County Clerk’s Office- Mariann Benally

Filing for 2022 NM Primary Election on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Candidates be a registered voter of SJC. No felonies. Reside in County and NM. Must be 18 years and older. Filing dates are Tuesday, February 1 2022 for Pre-primary convention.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Office of the Secretary State in Santa Fe, NM.

For US Rep, Statewide office, filing date March 8, 2022 at San Juan County Clerk Office in Aztec, NM. \$50 filing fees to run for County Commissioner, Assessor, Sherriff, probate judge. Currently County Commissioners are:

District 1- GloJean Todacheene

District 2- Mark Sullivan

Petitions are required for State Rep 4,5, 65 and 69.

Magistrate Judge, Divisions 1,2,3,4,5 and 6.

Nominating Position: Registered Voter, Same political party, one petition for each office.

Top portion of petition needs to be filled out before signing. Any questions? Contact San Juan County Clerk Office- Tanya Shelby by 505-334-9471. Now I am going to go over the map for County Commissioner. I brought the maps. You can see Sanostee Chapter area, the orange area. Let the community know of the re-districting, the map shows District 1 boundaries. Commissioner did not change. I can take your information if you have any questions. It will be posted on the Chapter board.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. **Resolution No. TAT-22-02-27. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022 WITH ATTACHMENT A & B.** *Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials*

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 Kori Tso Second by Darlene Smith

No discussion.

**Memberships vote 27 (16 in person and 11 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the financial reporting and accept the resolution.**

Nelson Begaye: The funding for our community. The chapter house, the renovation, I don’t really know the extent of it. I would like to get that for information. That maybe should be apart of the chapter update. The funding update would be good. Bottom line, we want to get a new chapter. It’s going through renovation again. How far along is it? What is being done? That would be information that could be shared.

President Haskie: The current renovation started in December. It is electrical work. Supposedly, the electrical work is not up to the strength needed to run the Senior Center such as the refrigerator and freezer.

It overpowered the whole building and they fixed it, but it never really was done correctly. Since then, it is being done correctly, the entire building is being updated. The power should be up soon and we will have enough power to run the building safely. They should be starting to serve food again shortly.  
Nelson Begaye: Is it a certified person this time? Is this funding in the Chapter projects?  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It is under the Chapter projects and we've paid half of the fees. It is license and approved contractor who is on the Navajo Business Regulatory listing. The prior electricians were not certified. Now, we made sure all the steps were followed correctly.

~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-28. Resolution Dooda No helium extraction. (Resolution forthcoming)**~~  
~~*Sponsor: Tommy Nakai (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)*~~

~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-29. Resolution rescinding all prior resolutions tied to Item # 1. (Resolution forthcoming)**~~  
~~*Sponsor: Elouise Brown (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)*~~

~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-30. Resolution opposing Hydrogen project in the State of New Mexico. (Resolution forthcoming)**~~  
~~*Sponsor: NAVA Member, Joseph Hernandez (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)*~~

2. ~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-31. Resolution requesting a profit increase for Helium Project from 1% to 2.5 % . (Resolution forthcoming)**~~ *Sponsor: Melvin Smith*

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Darlene Smith

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: In your packet, the resolution is Draft # 5.

Resolution was read into record by Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn.

Sarah White: I'm kind of confused. Is this the Chapter's resolution. Can you explain more in detail?

President Haskie: Yes, this is written and a Chapter resolution. They would like to set up a trust fund for profit sharing from the extraction of helium. They would like to increase the percent that is going to the chapter from 1% to 3 %. That's what the resolution is saying. It's the main request to increase the percentage.

Sarah White: Yes, thank you.

Christine Benally: There is a memorandum of agreement stated, it's not attached. The agenda says 2.5 % and the resolution says 3%. There I inconsistency. It's not following the Roberts rules. This should be put aside and tabled.

President Haskie: Motion to table?

Motion to table by Christine Benally

Second by Elouise Brown

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The clarification. When the planning meeting happened. When Melvin approached us at the meeting, he said 1% to 2.5%, with resolution forthcoming. When the resolution was submitted, it was different language and more detailed. Just as anyone else, what they state at the planning meeting and then the resolution is always different. It was no mistake; it was what was submitted. I have an obligation when I submit my planning meeting minutes, to provide an agenda based upon the planning meeting discussion. So yes, there is a percentage difference but the resolution is what is voted on.

President Haskie: What's written on the resolution, that's what counts. Now let's vote.

Sarah White: Excuse me, no one asked any questions.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: When there is motion to table an item, there is no further discussion, please understand that.

Alshana John: I did several voting on Facebook. Hello!?! Can you hear me!! I've been trying to get on the line.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We do not take votes on Facebook. We can hear you now though.

Alshana John: I've been trying to vote on Facebook, are you checking that or not! I am trying to vote!

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I am going to disconnect your line; you do not need to be yelling.

**Memberships vote 22 (6 in person and 16 online) in favor, 23 (12 in person and 11 online) opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained. MOTION TO TABLE DID NOT PASS.**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The motion to table has failed, back to the main motion and discussion is now open.

Elouise Brown: You need to clarify those who did not vote themselves, that's not correct, like that Victoria person. Someone else voted for her.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: There is a clarification request for these votes by Elouise Brown. We need to hear from the indivial themselves. Victoria Gutierrez your name is being mentioned that you did not say your own name. We will also need Lula Bedah, Dan Benally and Danny Benally.

Victoria Gutierrez: my vote stays.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We need Dan Benally, Danny Benally, Lula Bedah and Lena Nakai to vote for themselves. If you do not state yourself, your votes will be removed. Going once.

Lena Nakai: I am here.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Lena's vote is verified.

Beronica Barber: I don't know if you heard Issacs and Ivan's vote.

Ivan Lewis: To table.

Lula Bedah: Lula Bedah

Harold Bedah: To table

Danny Benally: Table

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I did not hear Dan, just Danny. I heard Ivan's vote but not Isaac.

Isaac Lewis: Table.

Dan Benally: Table.

Cal Nez: I think a lot of this is getting into the grey area. Rather than a voice on one phone or multiple voices on the phone. Zoom has the ability to do video. Are you doing a video check also, you can't just do a voice alone.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Thank you Cal, we are not doing the video to confirm.

Cal Nez: Anyone can say a name and yes, this is not right what's going on right now.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: There is one vote that I need to clarify, from a Dorene Martinez, are you a registered voter of Sanostee Chapter?

Dorene Martinez: No, but I am a community member. I have census number; my vote should count. The tribe is taking money because of my census number. It should count.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Okay, Thank you. Unfortunately, you have to be a registered voter to vote on the Chapter meeting items, so I will have to remove your vote.

Alshana John: Jourdan, were you able to verify mine? I am a registered voter.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, I have verified yours.

**Memberships vote 24 (6 in person and 18 online) in favor, 23 (12 in person and 11 online) opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained to table the resolution.**

~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-32.** Resolution requesting NTEC to provide a 2.5% profit share with Sanostee Chapter from helium production. **(Resolution forthcoming)** Sponsor: *Melvin Smith* (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)~~

~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-33.** Resolution requesting the support of Delegate Amber Crotty for the helium project. **(Resolution forthcoming)** Sponsor: *Melvin Smith* (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)~~

~~**Resolution No. TAT-22-02-34.** Resolution allowing incoming money from Helium Profit to be shuffled to different areas/projects in Chapter. **(Resolution forthcoming)** Sponsor: *Melvin Smith* (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)~~

- Resolution No. TAT-22-02-28.** APPROVING THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION'S PROJECT APPLICATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PEP) FUNDS TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR, ONE RECORDS CLERK. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials*

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Resolution was read into record by Secretary/Treasurer.

No Discussion.

**Memberships vote 23 (17 in person and 6 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

~~Resolution No. TAT-22-02-36. Resolution rescinding Sanostee Chapter Resolution No. TAT-22-01-18. **(Resolution forthcoming)** Sponsor: Michael Goldsun (ITEM REMOVED BY SPONSOR)~~

4. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-02-37. Resolution requesting action from Sanostee Postal Service Office regarding fees paid by Chapter, Senior Center and Headstart. **(Resolution forthcoming)** Sponsor: Frank Smith~~

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Gerald Henderson

Resolution was read into record by Secretary/Treasurer.

President Haskie: Since I started in this position, I've been approached by the Post Office staff, they are asking for repair to the building. Since they moved in, there has been no agreement in writing. That's what we were asking. We asked the Shiprock office, they don't know either. I think it was developed between the previous Chapter Officials and them. That's what the resolution is stating, to work out an agreement.

Gerald Henderson: During Mr. Bodie administration, the old post office was getting vandalized, so they moved out. It was an emergency set up to move in that building. There was no agreement and nothing since then. Like Jeanne said, they are asking for building updates and the building is under the Chapter. It's his mother that is writing the memos, it's not the actual Postmaster. How come he doesn't come in front of the Chapter to request these items?

Rannitta Henderson: Madam Chair, I have a question and a little bit of concern with this post office. To my understanding, it's a federal government facility. Then the chapter is the Navajo Nation. Just the same as the helium situation, this needs to go to our Council Delegate. We are dealing with the federal government. The postal workers or the owner should know that. That should have been done a long time ago. Where are the agreements between Headstart too and then when the post office came on. As voters, we pay for their utilities. With the federal government, I am in question with that. Maybe those answers need to come forth before we do anything with the resolution. It just says fees paid by the chapter. I don't know if that's correct. I would like to request a secondary motion to table so we can get answers from DOJ.

Vangee Nez: Can I say something?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: There is a motion to table, no further discussion.

Motion to table by Rannitta Henderson

Second by Darlene Smith

Sarah White: Can you read the resolution into the record. I do not have the packet, no one sent it to me, so how do we know what we are voting on.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: I did read the resolution before we discussed it.

**Memberships vote 17 (12 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 online and 1 in person) abstained to table the resolution.**

## IX. REPORT(S):

### 1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty

Delegate Amber Crotty reported. My report was submitted for the record. I want to mention the legislation we are following. Leg 28-22, this is creating an abandoned coal mine reclamation fund. It will be 2.5 million dollars in to the fund. The areas we want to make sure are the orphan mines in community, we want AML provide the Chapter an update for the plans that had uranium mining. Leg 030-22, \$99,000 from EPA into the settlement fund to help develop an abandoned fund. We are also in Congress lobbying for the radiation exposure act. Est to expire this year. We did provide an update on YouTube last week. Update to surviving families. Some of the amendments will expand the downwinders, those who were exposed at that time for NM. That'll expand for AZ and Utah. Leg 02-22, deals with our veterans. Changing oversight from HECA to Naabikyati committee. There is some disagreement within the administration. We are trying give them more authority at Northern. Once chapter gets certified, you can partner with Vet Administration and possibly distribute the funding directly to you veteran's but that will depend on the veterans. Some prefer to centralize.



We are discussing housing. How many homesite leases are being processed. When we do ARPA projects, NN law does require a homesite lease. We are trying to see how the Chapter can help process these homesite leases. As certified, you can develop a process. Lastly, Feb is Teen dating violence awareness month. Working with schools and behavioral health advocates. Making sure our adults understand healthy relationship and what is consent. There is generational violence and if we do some prevention work. Then they can be strong, community leaders and never experience that abuse or neglect. 1 in 3 teens do experience relationship abuse. A large number of death by suicide is relationship related. Want to make sure we support our teenagers. Our ARPA Broadband, thank you to chapter for being on that line. There are some projects that will be ARPA eligible. It will support and enhance broadband in Sanostee. Meeting was tomorrow but NN is closed for President's Day. We will keep everyone updated. I've talked with NECA and housing departments about the challenges. Such as bathroom additions or house repairs and even starter homes as well. Non profit CORE and CHR was able to distribute small structures. We want to try even a 1-to-2-bedroom homes with a bathroom. There is a current list with housing improvement program and chapter housing discretionary. Right now just seeing the need, like close to electric or infrastructure. If the chapter had a project to expand, to withdraw land for NHA or talk with NHA to expand their current setup. Those are ongoing discussions. Always talking about housing for our communities and especially with ARPA. Advocate for Senior Center program. Funds not being spent. I will keep update with Chapter. When you become certified chapter, if you can directly contract and more over your senior center to provide services you need. We are working with out legal. Thank you to all online, when we did our community discussion about the helium discussion with minerals and DOJ. I think it was really good information. We can keep updating the chapter unit by letting them know the resolution was tabled and about the special meeting. If you need anything reviewed and not getting the response you need. Please let me know. Any help let me know. I can also assist with the vicious dogs issue or if the grazing official needs support. We do have additional funding to Animal Control and Veterinary program. We also work with non-profit if the dogs can be rehomed. I will continue to have an open dialogue.

Nelson Begay: There was a Norther VA meeting and one of the council delegates spoke to the veterans about the legislation that is being prepared for spring session. They talked about ARPA too, excessive amount of money, each delegate is going to be given that money based upon the chapters they represent. Is that still a possibility?

Delegate Crotty: Yes, we are having discussion with the district. The chapter submitted projects to DCD. Sanostee has submitted projects. DOJ needs to review their eligibility. We are working with that, meeting with NTUA and a meeting with broadband. We also will be working with NECA and other for housing needs. That is all in play. We tabled that legislation back end of January for 60 days. So far, we have about 16-million-dollar projects that have been ARPA eligible. There is a process to submit more projects and further review. Please let me know if you have questions. Eligibility if from US Treasury. That's how we supported the hardship, it was direct relief for those financially affected by COIVD. Just like access to water. Economic Development has been a challenge. Strict language that projects are ongoing and impacted by COVID. Roads and public safety is also having eligibility issues.

Leo Billey: When are the Chapter re-opening? Veterans are trying to remove James Zwerlin. Delegate Eugenia, said it sounds like he is doing the same to you guys, by giving no report.

Delegate Crotty: We can ask our Health Command on when it is safe for the chapter to open. Last time, the Chapter needed to submit a re-opening plan. There is a process. Thankfully our numbers are reducing. There has been a lot of conversation regarding his behavior to the Northern Agency and others. I do know that we are continuing to ask for his contract, as his supervisor, is Jonathan Nez. Still haven't been provided that, to see what his duties are and if he is following them. There is still conversations ongoing, Kee Allen Begay did send out a legal advice to see how we can get him to be held accountable. I have co-sponsored the legislation that NA made as well. We don't have direct supervision. There has been discussion about defunding his position as well. We continue to work on this. We do not appreciate the way he is conducting himself. Even a code talker family felt disrespected by him as well.

Rannitta Henderson: Is that community housing, under 24-22 or Veterans housing you were referring to?

Delegate Crotty: In my report, the ARPA housing or Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery. There is eligibility to help households with overcrowding or bathroom additions. Those are the conversations we are having. Navajo Housing improvement program is where community members have submitted their application and are never fully funded to meet their needs. Working with Mr. Delgai and he has some plans on how to assist with those housing needs.

Rannitta Henderson: Is there a website or a phone number we can call?

Delegate Crotty: I am going to google Navajo Housing Improvement Program. There is an application on their website. The only number 928-871-7182, looks like agency programs too. Number to Ft. Defiance, 928-729-4017, don't see Shiprock.

Rannitta Henderson: Leg 21-22, can you give us more information on that. The Executive Director, amending Title 2 to Veterans Advisory Council.

Delegate Crotty: This is going to have a work session, of the Veterans housing program. To establish a position Program Manager. The executive directive oversees it. This changes definition in the code to develop the program manager. All work sessions, email me your questions and that can be provided at the work session.

Rannitta Henderson: Commander asked, when chapter is going to re-open. Is that meeting or administration?

Delegate Crotty: Chapter meeting approved for hybrid until emergency is lifted.

Leo Billey: when are we opening up the chapter, it's closed and limited to a number of people. coming up we are having the election; the chapters need to be re-open for that.

Delegate Crotty: The chapter restriction of being open to the public, it's from a health command executive order. Limits amount of individual in a facility at one time. Follow up with Dr. Jill Jim and if they have an opening plan. Each chapter submitted a re-opening plan, to mitigate an exposure. I am assuming that's what will happen again.

**2. Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson- Will report at March meeting.**

**3. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe**

Alonzo Cohoe reported. Homesites leases haven't been happening this month. Last year, there was a lot. It has slowed down. A lot of people didn't realize they have to pay for the surveys. I have to go through that with them. Tally counts, ended in Sept. for fiscal year for BIA and NN dept of Ag. Last year were 105 tally counts. So, for since October, over 50 tally counts. THE AIF fund, you have to have a tally count to qualify.

Since then, 40 something with in that month. Hopefully we are already halfway compared to last year. We finally got some back in from 2020 count. There were over 200 permits, but we know some are not valid and are in probate. Since all teleconference, can't do all the paperwork needed for transfers. BIA is doing curbside service and that's been difficult too. We have all the AIF documents together; I did 65 applications and Chapter got 35 applications. It's for everyone that has livestock. I still have to do their tally counts. We should be finding out soon about the hay because hay producers are running out of hay. This one was approved by RDC and sent to the Chapter. There is another one with the Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture. Go online and apply there. On Tuesday, at Shiprock Chapter they can help you as well. Just need to bring your documents as well. I didn't have the permit meeting last week; it will be rescheduled and I will let you all know. Perstine Tsosie: We filled out last one last year, we didn't get paid. Same thing this year Alonzo Cohoe: Depends on what you gave them. If you didn't qualify for it, that one is a little stricter. You have to contact the Dept of Ag in Window Rock and why you didn't qualify. Not everyone qualifies for it.

Perstine Tsosie: They got me for the N9 tax thing but I never got paid

Alonzo Cohoe: One of the things they talk about, it deals with taxes. When you get money from AIF, they have you do a W9. I am not sure about that either. They would know, this is a new thing for me. They still report you through the W9, you need to talk to them. Talk to Ferdinand Notah.

Harrison Barber: The second one, that's strictly for Navajo permittees.

Alonzo Cohoe: Yes

#### **4. Tse Alnaozti'i Veterans Organization**

Commander Leo Billey reported. Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, we met at San Juan College for Northern Veterans. Main subject is James Zwerlin. We don't agree with his representation. He is an in-law. Frank Dayish Jr came to speak with us and told the committee that James Zwerlin was at the Washington DC meeting and he told them that he has no issues with his veterans and their assistance. Frank told them, how come the 19 chapters say otherwise. You fired the Northern agency staff. Now there are temp workers in the office. Charles newton gave us a report at our meeting, she said Mr. Zwerlin will not report about anything or even the budget. The lump sum given to us, its all gone and we don't have any more funding there. We only have the little that the chapter gives us for travel. Even at our monthly meeting, we cannot get color guard volunteers. There is only a few that have been attending these meetings. Next meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Nelson Begay: I went to NA veterans meeting, there was a large amount of attendance. We talked about the traditional healing policy. There will be another special meeting on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss this and the policies and procedures for traditional healing policy. Join us and listen to this discussion.

Leo Billey: It was brought up before but was removed from discussion but now it's back on the table again.

#### **5. Chapter Update**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn reported.

- i. Housing- Jan applicants, 8 new applications. All 8 are being awarded. For August and January, total of 18 applicants to get their materials. We are hiring a carpenter to install these materials. Totaling \$18,236.00 housing materials. Depending on their points they qualified, their award is different.

- ii. Scholarship- 17 applications, all awarded in the amount of \$6,450.00 total. Fund will be left with 6.76 for the rest of the year. No summer and possibly no fall scholarships. Nation only gives 2, 000 to 3,000 yearly.
- iii. Motor Grader- Grader is fixed. Bus routes and main roads will be graded.
- iv. Wellness Challenge- in our 4<sup>th</sup> week, 13 participants. Working on monthly activities, checking in weekly with their weight. First month prizes will be next week. Total of 25 signed up, but only 13 active.
- v. 5012 Bridge: Next week will be the pre-construction meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be mobilizing the 28<sup>th</sup> and moving into Sanostee. Their project is set to be completed in 222 days, but summer the bridge should be built.
- vi. PEP: 3 carpenter laborer's, office aide, records clerk, heavy equipment operator and custodian/maintenance for employment advertisement.
- vii. President Haskie: Two issues
  - a. Trash: a lot of trash everywhere. We are getting more calls about them. How can we address this? Especially those that dump in the wash. We are going have a community forum about this. We want to talk about this. It's a lot to deal with.
  - b. Dog Issue: Too many dogs. There are calls coming in about them attacking sheep or cows. Even affecting the children. People have a lot of dogs at their homes too.
  - c. Substance Use: A lot of reports coming in about using and developing Meth. It's becoming more and more apparent in the community. The police cannot do much to help with this issue either. How can we work on this? It's current issue.
- viii. Vice-President Henderson: ALERT/CERT has been meeting every month. There is only 4 of us on the team. On Wednesday, James John grandkids home caught on fire. It was a mobile home and the whole thing burned down. Everyone got out, there were 6 people in that home. The family asked me to speak for them and ask for help for donations. Saturday, there was a donation drive here and there was a lot of people who came out and donated. They even received a money donation, from some store owners in the amount of \$2,000.00. Thank you for those who came out and donated. The children were very thankful and happy to receive these items. It affects these families emotionally and mentally. The ALERT/CERT Team tries their best to help families in need. We also went to Two Grey Hills/Toadlena Chapter and helped them with masks, believe it was 300 masks. We are trying to help others; sometimes other Chapters don't have these options. We are only trying to represent the Chapter. We pray every day for those who have lost loved ones. We get called out for accidents as well. Just trying to do what we can. Thank you to all the subcommittees and the community members who help, I appreciate you all. We will pull through all this.  
President Haskie: The chapter did help out the family with 40 bags of pellets to the family. Also, the minutes will be available after 5 days. If you want a copy, reach out for a copy.

#### **X. NEXT MEETING:**

1. March 2022 Planning Meeting: 03/06/2022 @ 1 p.m.
2. March 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 03/13/2022 @ 1 p.m.

#### **XI. CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. February 6, 2022- ALERT/CERT Meeting
2. February 9, 2022- Road Committee Meeting
3. February 13, 2022- Veterans Organization Meeting

4. February 15, 2022- CLUPC Meeting
5. February 19, 2022- Ranchers Roundtable/Permittee Meeting
6. February 20, 2022- Chapter Meeting

Rannitta Henderson: Officials, do we as a Chapter having funding under Housing Discretionary for these burnouts. If there is, how can we help them and get them a home.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Excellent question, the emergency procurement, there is a cap of \$200. It's not available in Housing Discretionary.

Rannitta Henderson: Why was it taken out?! It's an emergency, we should help them with a shell home. Where are they living? Where do they put all the items they got? The policy needs to be changed to help the people where it counts. Right now, it doesn't seem right, homes are hard to come by. I want to see out Chapter get involved with helping them. Officials, some way and somehow. Do a budget transfer or budget revision.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Additional information, it is an emergency situation, burnouts, those don't follow under Housing Discretionary. It falls under Fund 17, Emergency. It has nothing to do with our budget, it's within our emergency procurement process made by the emergency legislations. We will look into it. The family has moved into their grandfather's house. When we talked with the family, they have plans to re-build their home. They already discussed it with ALERT and sound like they are situated for re-build because there is water and electric already.

Tommy Nakai: That March 12<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, is still going on?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, President Haskie did accept and confirm it.

Tommy Nakai: We can submit resolutions for that meeting, right?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, resolutions need to be provided by March 9<sup>th</sup> by 5 pm to myself or the Chapter Administration Office.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Alonzo Cohoe      Second by JonTy Silago  
Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

**Memberships vote 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to adjourn the meeting.**

**Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn:**  on  
**02/27/2022.**

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