

# Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter

## April Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes

by Teleconference & In Person Limit of 25 persons

April 10, 2022

9 a.m.

### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4:07 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

Roll Call of Audience:

13 REGISTERED VOTERS- IN PERSON

9 REGISTERED VOTERS- VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS

7 NON-REGISTERED VOTERS

### III. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson.

### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Rannitta Henderson

Second by Gerald Henderson

President Haskie: We have an addition to guest speaker, Kevin Mitchell and Wonda Johnson.

Motioning party agreed to the additions.

**Memberships vote 19 (14 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person and 0 online) abstained to accept the agenda.**

### V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn read the minutes into the record. Hard copies were disbursed to in person 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 Kori Tso

Kori Tso: One correction on Page 7, where it says Leo Billey. Add in no one.

**Memberships vote 17 (14 in person and 3 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person and 0 online) abstained to accept the minutes.**

### VI. GUEST SPEAKER(S)

#### 1. San Juan County Clerk's Office

Arlenta Horse-Dickie reported. It's a 2-part presentation. We come out to talk about the elections that are going on. We are both here. I am here to present the re-districting. Marianne will cover the upcoming elections. The re-districting, it happens every 10 years after the census count. They re-draw districts and sometimes they end up asking to divide them depending on the voting population and the voter turnout. If a precinct has more than 750 voters, that's when the in statue are asked to split. Sanostee has over 1,300 voters and they hit over 750 voters. So, we had to split the precinct.

We ended up with close to 100 precincts. I will show you on the maps what I am talking about. With these changes, the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission they came and asked us to change the boundaries. Your precinct is 8 and change it to match the Chapter house boundary. They didn't use the major terrain, streams, powerline or any of those. They have an imaginary line. We couldn't use the chapter boundary they gave us. We looked at the closest grain future and used that. We had to get as close to the boundary as possible. So, we split the precinct in half. Then we adjusted the boundary. I provided your Chapter the maps. If we look at the maps. The first map, I hope you have it up.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Arlenta, we don't have enough to print it out. No one has a copy of it right now. I was hoping you were going to bring them.

Arlenta Horse- Dickie: I am going to print them and bring them out. Doing virtually, I was hoping you could show on the screen. So, how we split the boundaries, we used the Sanostee wash. It starts from the Arizona border, all the way to Littlewater and then to Chaco wash. That's how we split. The northern is 133 and the southern part of precinct is still 8. If we had to go along the Chapter boundaries.

President Haskie: You are explaining things that most of aren't seeing. We were expecting you here to show us these maps. I would like for you to come and bring those maps and meet with us. Just talking about it, we aren't getting it.

Arlenta Horse-Dickie: I can tell you, your new representatives. That's part of the re-districting. I will still bring the maps out. With the State Senate, it is George Munoz, before it was Shannon Pinto. Your previous state representative was Patricia Lundstrom and now it is D Wonda Johnson. Your county commissioner is still GloJean Todacheene. I will let Marianne talk about the elections. I will come out with the maps to further explain it in person.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Marianne, go ahead, you have the floor.

President Haskie: Okay, since she isn't coming, we will arrange a date for you to come out and explain all of this in person. We will move on.

## **2. Kevin Mitchell, NM State Representative Candidate**

Kevin Mitchell introduced himself. I did bring some pastries, water and soda for you all. I am currently serving on the Gallup McKinley School Board for District 1. I have been on the board for 11 years. I was honored to work with Mr. Leonard Haskie who I admired for his work ethic and leadership. He helped me a great deal as a young leader. We had one problem, the county was trying to close 3 of the schools and consolidate them. As a board member, I was supposed to support that. I listened to the communities; they did not want their schools closed. We won that battle and they are thriving. Gallup McKinley was one of the main plaintiffs in the Yazzie Martinez lawsuit, we finally won. With that lawsuit we continued to fight for impact aid money, which belongs to our children. We won that fight. Representative Lundstrom and Speaker Egoff who helped pushed in that fight. I really appreciate. As a leader, I have engaged and brought home many wins to our communities. Ensure the equity and equality for our children and our parents. To make sure our children receive the best education they deserve. Our impact aide money was from the federal government, 29 million dollars. Out of that, the state took 23 million and gave them 6 million. That money was earmarked for the children. It belonged to them, but the state took 29 million dollars. It also helps the Central Consolidated Schools, to better help their education as well. I have fought for our teachers as well, in our school districts. I fought from our district who tried to raise rent to decreasing that rent. Now today, they have free rent. That keeps our teachers. It's not fair to have full time substitute teachers.

Today, I am here to announce my candidacy as the New Mexico State Representative for District 5. I am ready to expand my leadership and knowledge to the communities and the people. I can continue to help our students, not only that, I can help the communities, help the chapters by collaborating and communication. I am willing to sit down at the table, meeting with the Chapter and officials, to learn their needs. Therefore, bringing transparency, I won't be here every 2 years for your vote. I will be here to give updates, answer questions and to follow up on any concerns you may have. At this time, I ask for your full support on June 7<sup>th</sup> and vote Kevin Mitchell for NM State Representative District 5.

**3. D Wonda Johnson**

D Wonda Johnson introduced herself. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> term, 8<sup>th</sup> year in office. In our previous re-districting, covered 18 chapters and now represent 15 chapters. I represent Sanostee, Newcomb, Two Grey Hills, Sheepsprings, Naschitti, Crystal, Tohatchi, Standing Rock, Coyote Canyon, Twin Lakes, Dalton Pass, Crownpoint, Becenti, Pinedale and Church Rock Chapter. I will now be working with you. I am aware of our community, farming, grazing, land status, home, need for utilities and broadband. I am thankful to be asked at the roundhouse to pray or speak in my Navajo Language. That is a great gift that I share. It's not only San Juan or McKinley County that I work with but those in Santa Fe. It's important to have a good relationship with those in Santa Fe. I work really well with my colleges. People like Chair of Appropriation, Speaker of the House, the committees and colleagues, we all work together very well and learn from each other. I was looking on your list, wondering if you submitted Capital Outlay. I noticed Sanostee Chapter is not on there, I'd like to double check that. I wanted to come out and get to know you guys. It's beautiful on the drive out here. The late Leonard Haskie, he was a role model when I was younger. When I ran for Miss Indian America, my older brother worked in Window Rock and he helped me out a lot. His helpful words and I never forgot the teachings he gave me.

Nelson Begay: It's good to see everyone out here at the meeting. It's good to listen to these candidates. This year is an election year. The Sanostee committee, we are more in the back country. We sometimes get forgotten. I just want to show my appreciation for these candidates. One is already in the roundhouse and represents our community. Very briefly, what can you do for this community? You want us to support you to continue your leadership in Santa Fe.

D Wonda Johnson: Those from this community, who live on this land. Education, Health, Roads, Bridges, Infrastructure, broadband, workforce, economic development, jobs, senior center, elderlies, veterans, disability within our community members. Those are all areas that pertain to us we have different land and government status. I also represent east Gallup, county, Navajo Nation, the State. We have different jurisdiction. We have the police, sheriff, the NN police, state police, city police and McKinley and San Juan County. At the state level, I vote for what benefits my people. If it pertains to increasing teacher salaries, to public safety, roads and bridges. Whatever it takes to improve the quality of life for our people. that is what I vote for. I listen to my constituents. They send me letters by mail or over the internet. Then our chapters, my leadership, chapter officials, I sit down and drink coffee with them to discuss their needs and how I can help them. Sometimes a vote may start one way then my community speaks to me. Then our votes change according to them. That's how I think and want to help you. Our capital outlay, we advocate for the communities. We receive a lot of requests. It's a purgative of our state legislator of where those dollars will be allocated to. Once again, I listen to the people and make sure my chapters are first. I give to each chapter. That's how I will help Sanostee and will follow up with your current one now.

Kevin Mitchell: As we all now, the last legislation it had billions of dollars. We talk about capital Outlay and each representative getting a percentage of the money. I believe it's 1.8 million each. Remember, it's a given, you need to go after more. As a legislator, you have to fight for more money for your community. Just don't take what's given. I will fight for more money and bring it back to the people. That's the way I work. I am a livestock owner; I know the needs. Having to buy hay, haul water, I live on a dirt road. I know what it's about. I will work with the Chapters. I already work with the Navajo Nation. I will fight for you for all your needs. I promise that.

Suzette Haskie: In the years of a school board member, I worked close with Mr. Mitchell. Last year, we were fighting for millions of dollars to get that money back to our students. Central was given 20 million dollars and the State of NM were taking 15 million. That's been going on for 40 years. We fought hard and last year; the Governor finally signed the bill to give it back to our students. The same situation with Yazzie Martinez, getting our students back that service. I know from the last four years; we've been working on these different big issues. I work for the Navajo nation and we have a lot of overlap, I know his dedication. I've seen what he can do. I just hope when the time comes, I hope you will all stand with him. I believe he will do a great job.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: I was responsible for inputting the capital outlay projects. We submitted 10 projects and there was a submission. You are right, Sanostee Chapter was not allocated one penny from our requests. I want to share with the public and what projects were submitted.

1. Water Line extension- \$ 300,000
2. Water Truck- \$ 150,000
3. Veterans Modular Building- \$ 210,000
4. San Juan Lateral = \$ 564,100.00
5. Scattered Powerline- \$ 300,000
6. Navajo Route 5012- \$ 300,000
7. Navajo Route 5010- \$ 500,000
8. Navajo Route 34- \$ 500,000
9. Helipad- \$ 100,000
10. Cell Tower Acquisition- \$ 300,000

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Resolution No. TAT-22-04-31. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 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.

Cal Nez: Introduced himself. Explained the reporting process. Maybe I don't understand the whole thing but I have some questions. How does Sanostee Chapter use the money they receive and how they keep track of the money. I am very impressed with Sanostee Chapter. I saw how they care for the chapter members. Even how they are giving out hay right now. I approve of that. One part, 34, there is a balance. Then the expenditure is \$39,363. Did you go out and shop? Was that at fair market value? Because we are uncertified, you need three bids? Did that take place? Those are the type of things, if we did, that's good. If you can present those three bids at the next chapter meeting. Just going out and buying or going with the first person. That isn't fiscal spending. Then, we have the general fund. The Chapter projects earmarked. Are there identified projects? Who and where are they used? What is the plan and goal of that? 24, 25 and 26 says

Capital improvement or for an investment. What does that mean? If you combine those, even though the state allocation, the Chapter or corporation. I don't know if they are earmarked. It's about \$ 27,000.00. The Sales Tax and Junk food. That's money flowing in. I looked into the budgets. What concerns me is, the Veterans. They are always taking about not getting money. They should be rewarded stipends. Why is their budget zero? I think some of these monies can be moved around. I don't know if that's possible. The emergency and PEP have over 100,000 in there. The other pieces of the pie can be cut up in other areas to make it work.

President Haskie: I want to give the Secretary time to respond to some of those questions.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Thank you Cal for those questions. I know you haven't been too familiar with our budgets. This is public information; it is on the Navajo Nation WIND system. We as a Chapter are required to share these incoming budgets with our community, every time. We do and have been. When we get our yearly allocation, starting August and September, we start holding budget sessions. We invite the community to come sit down and see the money coming in. I have on record, two budget sessions we held, however, only less than 10 showed up. It is up to our leadership to decide where things go. Also, there are guidelines, according to the Budget Instructions Manual, the law, that we have to follow. They already allocate majority of these monies to our personnel, scholarship, general administrative and our bills. They don't give us money for housing improvement assistance, employment, veterans, emergency or chapter projects. With what they give, which is no more than \$280,000 a year. That's what we have to work with in those areas. On average, we have about \$120,000 to allocate out. It's a really tough process and very difficult to make those decision for the 3,000 people who live here in Sanostee. This is my third year with the budgets and I do not like how the Tribe already allocates the money to those areas. Every community is different and have different needs. We have to stay in compliance with the Budget Instructions Manual. Your first question, was about the hay money. By law, we are required to get 3 quotes from 3 different vendors. First was NAPI and they were not able to provide the amount. A lot of livestock owners were complaining about the dirt in the hay. T & R was not willing to provide a quote. They weren't getting their own hay in from what they were ordering. We reached out to Decker Hay, they were chosen because they had the hay, they could deliver and were willing to work with us. No matter the amount of purchase, we still get the 3 quotes. Your second question, the chapter projects are all listed in our budget. We have a full listing of where the money is all allocated. Next question, regarding Fund 24, 25 and 27 that was Capital Improvement Money given to each 110 Chapter. As you can see in the detail, it says \$100,000 that's the remaining balance from each allocation left. Back from 2010-2016, that's when the chapters received that same amount. Now they don't allocate Capital Improvement to the chapters. Next question, why the Veterans fund is depleted. The tribe doesn't give money to provide for the Veterans. They have their own trust fund with the Northern Agency, I believe they can request for Hardship, energy, housing improvement. What we provide here is 25% of incoming revenue, goes back to the organization. They request \$100 from the chapter for their travel for medical travel. It's a revolving door and each money 25% goes back to them. A lot of these funds, once the allocation is placed in there, you cannot move money from fund to fund.

Cal Nez: Now I understand that, I appreciate that. Lastly, there is liquid money and assets. Physical money versus assets. To get a better accurate number on these balances. Fund 80 is the fixed assets. That's an evaluation by an appraiser. This is the balance sheet, that's inaccurate. That asset should be separate from the liquid. That way we know what's available cash wise.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: In our audit, that's what one finding was. The Chapter was not sharing how much their property value was. It has been included in the balance sheet. Fund 80 has to be included in our monthly financial reporting. I do explain that's our property. They all have values to them. I do provide the checking account balance.

President Haskie: We did not get a motion or second before we started discussing this.

Motion by Darlene Smith

Second by Marlena Dee

President Haskie: One thing I want to make clear. Back in Jan 2021 when I came into office, the budget, the Chapter was in sanction. It was because those before that, who were handling the money, they were moving money around which was wrong. The rule was not to do that and that's why they were sanctioned. We have to stay with the guidelines that Window Rock gives us. That's why it's this way and we follow that. I am really glad you are sitting here and listening. When people listen to the budget, people start falling asleep. If no other questions, let's go ahead and vote.

**Memberships vote 22 (18 in person and 4 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 3 (2 in person) abstained to accept the resolution and financial reporting.**

2. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-04-32~~ AN ACT APPROVING THE INTRAGOVERNMENTAL OFFICE SPACE USE AGREEMENT WITH SANOSTEE CHAPTER AND SANOSTEE SENIOR CENTER. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials*

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The agreement is in your packet as well. Department of Justice has approved this agreement and for the Chapter President to sign. What we need public input for is, on # 3, where it states Compensation and utilities. As of right now, the Senior Center pays ZERO dollars to occupy the Chapter building. The Chapter does pay for propane, electricity, water and sewage. We do not pay for the trash bin or the telephone. We need public input on how to support the Senior Center. We will move to motion and a second to discuss.

Motion by Darlene Smith

Second by JonTy Silago

President Haskie: Right now, they aren't paying for anything. Our recommendation was.

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn: The recommendation we got from the Senior Center was the Chapter was going to cover all the utilities and they were going to pay \$1 to the Chapter.

President Haskie: We feel that, they should pay us something because all those utilities are covered. Their program has money and some should be paid for their share. They should. A certain percentage can be paid to the Chapter. It's hard to separate them. When you share a bill, you pay yours and they don't pay theirs. We can pay the whole bill and then they help cover some of it. That's what we suggest, we need your support. We can get that from the bills that have already been paid.

Vice-President Henderson: When did this come into effect? From a while ago? Were they paying before?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The reason this came up, they were requesting the Chapter pay for different items. First it was the post office box, then they wanted a fire extinguisher. We asked the Department, what is the agreement because we have to work out our budget to provide that and why they aren't helping them. This agreement was supposed to be in place years ago. All Chapters are supposed to have this in place, they go back to the agreement and how they help them out. They wanted clarification on what our agreement was. That's why they wanted it brought to the Chapter meeting and the Senior Center Supervisor brought the agreement in for us to review. Looking at the propane, it's \$600 for one month, then the next was \$700, then the next was \$785. Between 600-700 for propane, every 4 months. Then for electricity, it varies as well.

President Haskie: I want to request to table this resolution to the next meeting, then we can have the average of these utilities. Then we can share that as well.

Motion to Table by Marlena Dee

Second by Kori Tso

Rannitta Henderson: These resolutions are to be explained and discussed at the Planning Meeting. That's what those planning meetings are for.

President Haskie: I welcome your comment and we will continue to vote.

**Memberships vote 18 (15 in person and 3 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 4 (4 in person) abstained to TABLE the resolution.**

3. **Resolution No. TAT-22-04-32.** APPROVING THE USAGE OF CHAPTER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 39,180.02 TO HIRE ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2022. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials*

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record. It will be 15 high school students and 11 college students with an additional \$3,955.46 for their project supplies.

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Kori Tso

No Discussion.

**Memberships vote 20 (18 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

4. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-04-34.~~ ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 “SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-INTERNAL-TAX SALES” BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 43,256.00. *Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials*
5. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-04-35.~~ ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 HEALTHY DINE NATION ACT FOOD TAX BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 11,158.00 *Sponsor: Chapter Administration & Officials*

President Haskie: We would like to ask you for permission to table # 4 and # 5. There are still questions on how this money is going to be allocated. It's not complete. We want to do it right and show the details of it. I will combine both together. There is a print out for you all. We need some input from all of you. I would like to ask for a motion to table.

Motion to table by Marlena Dee

Second by Michael Goldsun

**Memberships vote 25 (16 in person and 9 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained to TABLE the resolution.**

6. **Resolution No. TAT-22-04-33.** AN ACT TO RESCIND TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER RESOLUTION NO. TAT-19-06-66, DUE TO ONGOING AND UNRESOLVED COMMUNITY CONCERNS REGARDING POLICY, STIPULATIONS, PARAMETERS AND OTHER LEGAL LANGUAGE IDENTIFIED THROUGH (1) TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER RESOLUTION NO. TAT-19-06-66, (2) THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION 0232-21 AND (3) THE NAVAJO NATION OIL AND GAS SANOSTEE CHAPTER OPERATING AGREEMENT. *Sponsor: Michael Goldsun*

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Alshana John

Second by Lindsey Benally

President Haskie: This topic has been highly discussed in different meetings. Michael sat down with the Chapter to discuss the purpose of this resolution that he is sponsoring. We will have himself explain. Then there will be 2 from the one supporting the resolution and 2 from those who support the helium.

Michael Goldsun: Introduced himself. I am here on behalf of the Sanostee voters and community members who are concerned about the Resource Extraction project that NNOGC is moving forward in Window Rock. I am proposing we rescind that was passed in 2019 that gives permission to NNOGC to conduct resources extraction in Sanostee. The reasons why we are asking the community to put a hold on these activities by NNOGC and the NN Council. Information that has been provided to Sanostee community is constantly changing. A lot has not been provided to the community and in Navajo. Every time we meet, there is new information to a limited amount of people. Those who live further away, they aren't been shared this information. The scientific and financial conditions of this project. In the beginning, NNOGC came to the chapter in 2021. We were informed that we would be getting 1.7 million dollars per year. There are lot of people in Sanostee with that understanding. As of this past Wednesday, the Sanostee Chapter would only be getting \$200,000 per year. The information is not the same. That is only if there is Helium found for the permitted area of extraction. The chapter will not get that money if nothing is there. NNOGC informed us, grazing permittees who do not agree, they will not encroach upon grazing permittees who do not want drilling on their land in Section 20, 21, 29 and 28. There are 3 permit holders who do not want drilling to occur. If we go by the maps, we are losing at minimum 16 well pads that are going to be off the table. 16 of 53, which is about 30% of the potential extraction of helium. So, of the \$200,000, 30% of that will be disappearing. There might not be enough helium in the ground. Another issue, NNOGC also plan to extract Nitrogen, Methane, Oil and Natural Gas from the same legislation. This hasn't been talked about or told to us. We are not sure about those being extracted and how it will affect our community. The Chapter resolution is moving forward in Window Rock, the legislation is a 500-page document. If you give that to anyone in our community and tell them why, what's this about? They are not going to understand that. An individual said, you need to educate yourself. My grandma is 84 years old. No education and does not speak English. How is she going to educate herself on these issues? A lot are like that as well. We need to inform our community members about these documents. If they are not well informed, they cannot consent, they are not able to provide adequate consent.

The Chapter has passed some resolutions and some are in direct conflict with the Window Rock legislation and Sanostee resolutions approving helium. The resolution I am sponsoring, this is an opportunity to give those Navajos in our community, for those who don't want it and the uniformed to let them participate. My resolution is not saying 100% NO or not to say NO across the board. It is saying, WAIT, let's do this right, let's talk about it, let's straighten out the policies. Let those who are unaware, understand and learn. There are very few people are pushing this project forward. I have heard from other communities saying NO. I am vouching for everyone. Make your voice heard by voting. Come to the meeting and work together as a community. Those who are for it, one of the main points they bring up, where is the community? It's only you. To an extent, I agree. But I know who don't bother it. Get involved with your local government.

Rannitta Henderson: Introduced herself. This topic has been talked about for a while and many meetings completed. We've received reading material about it. We were told about the incoming monies from this project. To restate what Michael was explaining about the money. Yes, they did explain that to us. If there is helium, we get money from it. If there is no helium, we don't receive any money. Going forward we would like updated, whatever documents are being submitted, we want updates. From the first time it was brought to us, I was in those meetings and I have those documents here. Our Leaders, Council, Governors about three months stated their support for this. They talked about this already and were fine with it. The hydrogen will be a source of revenue coming in. The bad words or discussion about it is not good. I am sure that the revenue will help some of our people. My relatives think about it, we might get help.

Lindsey Benally: Introduced herself. When they talk with us, they promise us this and that. In the legislation is says 3,000 per well pad. It's a one time pay. They are damaging the surface are for your animals that are grazing. Think about those as grazing permittees, I know they have choices. In our area, three said no. They are already over there at night. Driving around getting their core samples. We are aware and they are getting chased off. What we are being promised, is not in writing. Whatever happens to those boundaries in the map, that can change. People who work in the oil field now, they can't just throw away oil. They have to take it and store, then they get money for it. It's just not going to be helium. There is a lot of discussions from different communities. This resolution is making everyone aware. The council is supporting NNOGC. 1%is just not to this chapter, it's to all the chapters. Once they start using chemical to go through the geology, they are going to start fracking. They are going to reclaim the land; they are going to just leave the roads they make. We need to educate everyone at this level. We hope our Council Delegates speak up for us. Also, I've been involved in these meetings. We are all related here and those animals out there, they can't speak, that's up to you. If you have that paper, you should not be in favor of this fracking. I speak up for the permit holders as an archeologist. We have really good water here. Water Code will tell you what kind of water we have here. These people are out there, when we are away too meeting with Eltsosie. Cal Nez: Introduced himself. I am aware of what is going on with this. This a huge job. There are both sides for it and not for it. We are all Sanostee voters, we shouldn't be split. I love our Chapter. I want them to thrive. There are a lot of potentials out there. There is a mixture, for it and against it. Rescinding is not the answer. Let them go forth with it. If this resolution goes through, everything will come to halt. Lennard Eltsosie said, if this is approved, they will come back to the table to discuss things with the permittees. Then we have an opportunity to review it all. Everyone is worried about the operating agreement. If you look at this legislation, the names, it happened in 2019. Why didn't we cover that then? The previous administration did this but leadership and the people are just now catching up. At that time, things should have been addressed.

President Haskie: Reminder, please respect each other's 5-minute time limit. I already explained this setup.

Elouise Brown: Introduced herself. I agree, not until there is issues people start coming to the meetings. Mother Earth is being affected, that's our purpose to protect her. The Environmental Impact, they dig and there will be may wells sticking out. They are saying it's only helium, in the updated 805 pages, there is all kind of different of uranium and others that will be coming out. That'll run into those pipes. People are not aware of these things. Earthquakes start to happen because of these types of situations. Please vote for this resolution. This is for the future. Global warming is happening. Voters from here, think about these things. Vote for this resolution.

**Memberships vote 47 (22 in person and 25 online) in favor, 17 (6 in person and 11 online) opposed and 8 (6 in person and 2 online) abstained to accept the resolution.**

7. **Resolution No. TAT-22-04-34.** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. TAT-21-09-90 SUPPORTING AND RECOMMENDING TO NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION TO APPROVE THE NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION'S PLANNING, ROADS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE CONTINUED TECHNICAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE WITH THE 15 REGIONAL ROUTE MILES. *Sponsor: Tse Alnaozti'i Community Road Committee*

Motion by Lindsey Benally

Second by Kori Tso

No Discussion.

**Memberships vote 35 (27 in person and 8 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (2 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

## **IX. REPORT(S):**

### **1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty**

Delegate Crotty reported. Still finalizing my report. If there are any community members who want to receive my report or about the District. They can send me an email or let the Chapter know. We've been focused on the American Relief Funding. The legislation did not get enough votes in Council. This is an opportunity for the chapter to update your proposals to DCD portal. Last report, none of the Chapter's projects in our District was submitted for eligibility. We will have our meeting with NTUA to review what projects they can help to submit expenditure plans. Natural Gas will be included too. That'll help the Chapter too on their propane or even their support services and those community members too. There is a gas line near 491 and our goal is to bring that to the people. It will take a lot of work. We need to continue to do community assessments to identify needs. We are partnering with different entities for housing needs as well. Currently because of land situation and water, all our homes are uninsurable. If there is an accident or their home is a total loss, that causes many problems for the families. We are looking to develop or use some of the NHA models to help with that community assessment. What are our best practices? Challenges when a NHA community is built. Challenges with solid waste or public safety. Also, when we have community members who are not from the area. We are having a housing conference at the end of September. We can advocate on how to improve the housing needs in our community. Public safety, we want to support the Rural Addressing. Window Rock office supports the 110 chapters. A proposal was submitted and a few consultants that can help. Lastly, thank you to the Veterans for the Vietnam Celebration event. Continue to have Window Rock Veterans office to support the Northern Agency Veterans, when they were taking down the tent it was all the veterans doing the work, when there are millions of dollars in Window Rock. There is legislation that will require the Veterans program enter an agreement with the Chapter to best advocate working with your veteran's organization. That communication is limited. Also, our housing assessment, for the ADA, special need, high risk children's, any essential workers and our veterans. We are going to layer that with a public safety survey that will be deployed for the needs and where are there communication gaps. We will be having meetings with the Government Development office on how to create regional project managers, what type of legal support the Chapters need. So, when the Chapters request attorney services, you aren't waiting months. That delays local leadership. The chapter will then have a technical team, just like Gallup. It will benefit future plans for the community. What is the plan to work with RBDO to operate the store along 491, that owner has promised to run that store. Looking at the ARPA funds we can possibly expand, remodel or enhancement. We also recognize there are challenges to services.

When Newcomb Post Office had issues, we realize we need provide stable government services to the people. That is my oral report and I'll submit my written report. Please include me on any passed resolutions, to ensure follow up and community led conversations. Also, if the NM State Representative is on the line, I had concerns about the redistricting. We were not really informed at the Chapter level that information of the change of the Representative and Senator. I think as the change, there was no incentive from the previous to provide any capital improvement dollars to the community. That's something we need to work on. Those dollars need to be equitably be allocated out. I did bring that up to President Nez about these issues. I did stand firm that I did not agree with redistricting because of their change of representation and the community not being aware. It shows in how the Chapter did not receive Capital Outlay.

President Haskie: Please submit this in writing too. Send to our secretary.

Delegate Crotty: Yes, I will. I will make sure

Vangee Nez: What was she referring to something about electricity and water. Do the community members go to the Chapter about it? I just need clarification on that.

We are in different stages of providing that to community members. If there is a home or a family that water or electricity or broadband is needed. We are submitting those documents and working with NTUA as the provider to provide that technical support to the Chapter. There are on going list and we can continue to update. Challenges are the homesite and we are working with the Land Department. To get a process so we can work with those who need those services. Chapter Officials, please let your community know how they can submit their information to you. Then we will work with NTUA. Can do their assessments, then they can look at what stage. To better determine their eligibility.

**2. Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson- Will report in May.**

**3. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe**

Alonzo Cohoe reported. Homesite Leases are continuing. Tally counts are still going too. The permit holders, need to get their tally counts updated again for the year. We gave out hay, four truck loads came in from Cortez. That was through applications and you had to qualify. You had to have tally counts. It was for all who had livestock but they had to have tally counts. Its part of the Navajo Nation Law, in case there is an outbreak of disease, then they'll know where to look. RDC was the one who got the money out. We gave out 1,944 bales in the past couple of days. It was good. We had other people who wanted hay but didn't apply. We announced this for a while, it was on the Sanostee buildings, Facebook and website about this event. They have it posted everywhere, including the store. I will be having the permittee meeting on Saturday at 6 p.m. It's informational meetings. Everyone can join these meetings.

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

Leo Billey reported. Shiprock Agency meeting did not happen on Friday. The quorum was not made, so they cancelled it. Moved to this Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. On troy king, there is a safety building and that's where the meeting will be. I went to the radio stations and asked how come there is no participate at these meetings. It's important, resolutions get passed and we discuss the carryover budgets too. We lost a blue star mother from here, Charlotte Curley. She made us certificates for TVO and she helped out a lot with the organization. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Window Rock, I want to protest. No Form 2, No Z, No Nez Lizer, Yes to Health Committee oversight. I think these people need to be moved out. Lizer is running for Arizona Representative and has left. They tell us there is no money for the Veterans.

Even Nez is not listening. That's why I protested. When we meet, I am going to ask some to join this protest. We don't want Naabikiyati oversight. James Zwerlin is an in-law and does not stand for our Veterans. He told us, we are not representing you veterans, we represent President Nez. That's what is happening in Window Rock. The council also needs to be move back to representing all the chapters. Our council delegate does not even come out to hear our concerns.

## 5. Chapter Update

Secretary/Treasurer reported the April meetings according to the April Acitivites calendar.

- Trash Weekend
- Our AMS, her last day was Friday. We currently have no Coordinator or Accountant. They are advertising. Please apply with the Navajo Nation. We have PEP employees still working at the Chapter.

President Haskie: The records clerk is helping us work towards Chapter Certification. We are hoping by the end of this year or next year. This is what we want and we are going to do it.

## 6. Navajo Transitional Energy Company, Helium Development- Not present on the call.

### X. NEXT MEETING:

1. May 2022 Planning Meeting: 05/01/2022 @ 1 p.m.
2. May 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 05/15/2022 @ 1 p.m.

### XI. CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. April 10, 2022- Veterans Organization Meeting
2. April 10, 2022- Regular Chapter Meeting
3. April 13, 2022- Road Committee Meeting
4. April 16, 2022- Ranchers Roundtable/Permittee Meeting
5. April 19, 2022- CLUPC Meeting
6. April 23 and 24, 2022- Community Trash Pickup Weekend

### XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Lindsey Benally

Second by Alshana John

**Memberships vote 25 in favor (17 in person and 8 online), 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.**

**Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: \_\_\_\_\_ on 04/13/2022.**

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