

Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter
June Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes
by Teleconference & In Person Limit of 25 persons
June 19, 2022
9 a.m.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.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 Officer: Alonzo Cohoe- PRESENT

Council Delegate: Amber Crotty- ABSENT

1 REGISTERED VOTERS- IN PERSON

2 REGISTERED VOTERS- VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS

III. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Ammerson Barber Second by Gerald Henderson

President Haskie read standing agenda into record.

No additions or deletions requested.

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

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record.

Motion by Ammerson Barber Second by Gerald Henderson

No Discussion.

Memberships vote 8 (7 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the minutes.

VI. GUEST SPEAKER(S)

1. BIA Fire & Aviation, Learoyd Begay- Not there in person nor on the teleconference line, when called to the floor.

2. Council Delegate Candidate, Lindsey Leighann Benally

Lindsey Benally: Introduced herself. From Sanostee. She graduated from Shiprock High School, went to college at Dine College and obtained two AAs in Navajo Language and Dine studies. Also, a Bachelor's of Arts in Anthropology from Arizona State University. Currently obtaining a Bachelor's of Science from Northern Arizona. She is running for Council Delegate and I am running because we Dine people are continuing to struggle day to day in our daily lives. She is continuing to build her platform; however, still consulting and gathering more information about issues. Health is vital and important to us all. We need to focus on making ourselves a better life, as human beings we want, water, electric, housing and homesite leases. Gather the small business and ecological development is important. Would like to hear issues about youth and the next generation. Affordable Housing and building a community together are important.

I will be at Shiprock Flea Market on Saturday, July 9th 2022 where I will be all ears to listen to issues and concerns. I plan to resign in August and then I will be full time campaigning. Also, I wanted to send a message was, taking care of one another and listening to each other. That's the teachings I come from. Thank you.

Elouise Brown: Do you have a schedule of where you're going to be? Besides the July 9th or is that the only one?

Linsey Benally: We are working on a schedule right now and disperse that by next week. I am still coordinating with families from each community on it.

Christine Benally: What do you need help with for the one at the Flea Market.

Lindsey Benally: Food and water and even coffee, pastries. For the food, chips and hot dogs. If you can help me out.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

I. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-06-41.~~ RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, BRANCH OF FORESTRY TO CONDUCT HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION (HFR) AND WILD LAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) TREATMENTS TO MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR CATASTOPHIC WILDFIRE TO THE COMMUNITIES OF SANOSTEE CHAPTER.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Mr. Begay did request for this resolution to be re-affirmed. He was supposed to present the details. However, he is not here.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the resolution into record.

Christine Benally: I think this person needs to be there. I don't know how different this one is to the other one. There shouldn't be any control burning going on right now. We need to table until they are there.

This is the exact copy from 2002.

We can wait one month. Wait until he's there to present it.

Vice-President Henderson: I would like to know the location. When he comes in, he can tell us. People have moved up to the mountains already. The location is important.

Motion to table by Christine Benally Second by Gerald Henderson

Memberships vote 8 (4 in person and 4 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to TABLE this resolution until presenter is present.

2. **Resolution No. TAT-22-06-41. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022 WITH ATTACHMENT A & B.**

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.

Ammerson Barber: Question on Fund 9, the amount you read was \$57,750.23 but it is written \$57,750.53, which one is it?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It would be the 53, it was my mistake when I read it.

Ammerson Barber: I had three questions, that was one of them. In Fund 15 PEP, \$77,994.46 in other funds you mentioned that would be expended by the end of fiscal year but on this one, you didn't say that. What do you anticipate for the rest of the fiscal year?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Fund 15 is the Public Employment Program, that is just payroll to those positions. It includes the Heavy Equipment Operator, Custodian/Maintenance, Records Clerk, Office Assistant, 4 carpenters and then the Summer Youth Supervisor. I anticipate that, because we did not use all the allocated hours for fiscal year. We will have a carryover amount, which I can't foresee, it depends on the work hours. We usually carry over 15 to \$ 20,000 a year. We generally budget to cover for the full year.

Ammerson Barber: In February, I went to the Office for labor assistance. They said, we are making handicap ramps for seniors right now. I said, okay I'll just amend my paperwork. Based on that, plus you saying there will be carryover, it's something to think about.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The carpenters, in their Project Application by resolution. Their projects that were approved, were housing discretionary awards and handicap ramps. Once they were finished, they would take care of requests like yours. They are not finished with those projects and their last day is the end of August.

The fiscal year ends in September and come October we have to re-hire the crew back. It's going to be on going project to complete those. There are 34 pending ramps as of Friday.

Ammerson Barber: Can you ramp up the employees?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: In the fiscal year, yes.

Ammerson Barber: No, now.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We could, but they're only working to the end of August.

Audience Member: There would be no point by then.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It's a time issue.

Audience Member: At the start of the new year, why don't we just do what we are doing now?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We did not anticipate so many of those requests from the public, we did not think of adding more carpenters. In the process, you learn from that and make it better, so come October, that's something we'll definitely look at.

Ammerson Barber: Just a comment, Fund 23 Sales Tax, you buy something, McDonalds's, Burger King. Some places are more than the 6%. I've mentioned it to a Council Delegate and it's still the same. It's something to think about.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: That's the junk food tax.

Ammerson Barber: They have taxes on items that are not junk food.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: They have the regular sales tax and then the junk food one. They're two separates.

Christine Benally: I have a question; do you think Lena can understand what you are all talking about?

President Haskie: She could since she has her son with her.

Christine Benally: Let her answer. Tommy, is your mom understanding it?

Lena Nakai: I don't understand what is being said.

Christine Benally: Explain it right to her.

Tommy Nakai: I assume Tommy, would help her.

Christine Benally: Tell them in Navajo, that's what's correct.

President Haskie explained to membership in Navajo.

Motion by Gerald Henderson Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Christine Benally: I am going to vote against it for the reason I stated.

Memberships vote 9 (7 in person and 2 online) in favor, 3 (3 in person) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the financial reporting and resolution.

3. Resolution No. TAT-22-06-42. AN ACT ACCEPTING THE BUDGET REVISION IN FUND 15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,344.42 FROM FULL TIME HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TO ON CALL/PART TIME HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the resolution into record.

Ammerson Barber: Comment, there are brown markers on the road. It's an Anasazi area. Their firepit was exposed. The grader kept grading that area. There all the way down that road where I live. Those are to be not disturbed but now you cannot even tell.

President Haskie: We will explain this to the operator. Maybe a sign that says, do not grade would be helpful. Window Rock does grade the roads and they were out here, maybe they did that.

Motion by Ammerson Barber Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Memberships vote 6 in person- Voting interrupted.

Christine Benally: The grader was out at Helen's, when they grade, there are drainages. It drains off the road. He didn't clear those. That's what needs to be done and direct the water of the road. That needs to be done.

Tommy Nakai: Last summer, by the school, inside the ROW, they sides were cleared. Was that the Chapter? The vegetation was taken out then and now there is all this sand on the road, which blows into the road. Don't do that.

President Haskie: It'll be good to let the Road Committee know and they take information from the community. Talk with them about these issues.

Memberships vote 12 (6 in person and 6 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

4. **Resolution No. TAT-22-06-43.** APPROVING THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION'S PROJECT APPLICATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PEP) FUNDS TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR ONE (1) ON CALL/PART TIME HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR 11 WEEKS.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the resolution into record.

Ammerson Barber: Why only 11 weeks?

President Haskie: End of fiscal year

Vice-President Henderson: Is this Sterling?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It's a helper. On Call

Vice-President Henderson: What about the other one?

President Haskie: This is the person, that was the money.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We don't have a position of on call/part time, so we are pulling funding from full time for this.

Motion by Lindsey Benally

Second by Alonzo Cohoe

Rannitta Henderson: The resolution should be 44.

Secretary/Treasurer: I see, it'll actually be 43 because we did not approve the first resolution. So, 41 moves down. The resolutions are in draft mode, once the minutes are completed, they will reflect in final minutes.

Memberships vote 13 (7 in person and 6 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

5. **Resolution No. TAT-22-06-44.** AN ACT ACCEPTING THE BUDGET REVISION IN FUND 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$899.98 FROM OFFICE SUPPLIES GL 6300 TO OFFICE FURNITURE 6803 AND IN FUND 23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM OPERATING SUPPLIES 6303 TO WASTE DISPOSAL COLLECTION 6414.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the resolution into record.

Ammerson Barber: on the \$10,000 is that for the rest of fiscal year?

President Haskie: That'll will be for the rest of the year, but it was spent on the trash days already.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: In April there were 2 bins and in May there was 3 bins provided as Free Dumpster Day to the community. Those two times, it totaled a little under \$10,000. We had put all that in Operating Supplies but the agency wants us to put it in the correct usage area.

Elouise Brown: How much is a little under \$10,000, what is the exact amount?

President Haskie: \$9,888.84 was the cost.

Motion by Elouise Brown

Second by Ammerson Barber

Memberships vote 11 (6 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 in person and 1 online) abstained to approve the resolution.

6. **Resolution No. TAT-22-06-45.** AN ACT APPROVING THE COMMUNITY ROAD COMMITTEE AMENDING ITEMS TO COMMITTEE PLAN OF OPERATION

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Ammerson Barber

Committee President: I apologize, I do not have my files with me right now because I am not at home. I will refer that to the Secretary/Treasurer, she can take care of that for us.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the resolution into record.

Christine Benally: What committee are you talking about?

President Haskie: Road Committee

Christine Benally: What committee? Rose?

President Haskie: Road Committee.

Christine Benally: Can't understand you.

Ammerson Barber: # 7, all special meetings- will there a stipend payment for that meeting? That's a question to the committee member.

Committee President: Thank you for that question. The special meetings are separate but we do not get paid for those meetings. We only get a stipend for the monthly meeting.

Memberships vote 6 in person- Voting interrupted

Rose Smith: How many members are there?

Vice-President Henderson: There is supposed to be 5, but there is only 4.

Christine Benally: I abstain because I don't know the rest of the plan of operation.

Tommy Nakai: I vote the same as Christine, I don't have a copy of it.

Memberships vote 9 (6 in person and 3 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 3 (1 in person and 2 online) abstained to approve the resolution.

President Haskie: Tommy, if you come to the Chapter, the Plan of Operation you can ask for it and they'll give you a copy.

Christine Benally: Maybe you can post it at the store. Gas is expensive to be going to the Chapter.

President Haskie: It can be emailed to you.

Christine Benally: It's for the public to see.

7. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-06-46.~~ AN ACT APPROVING THE COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE PLAN OF OPERATION.

President Haskie requested committee member to explain. *No committee member was in attendance.*

Christine Benally: What committee is this?

President Haskie: Community Land Use planning committee. There is no one here from the committee to explain this.

Motion to table by Christine Benally: _____ Second by Rose Smith

Memberships vote 11 (6 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 in person and 1 online) abstained to TABLE this resolution until committee member is present.

8. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-06-46.~~ AN ACT ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIP OF FREDREIKA YAZZIE TO THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER AUTHORIZED LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ALERT).

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the resolution and letter of interest into record.

Motion by Beronica Barber _____ Second by Ammerson Barber

Ammerson Barber: Three different spellings of her name.

Vice-President Henderson: It'll be the name on the letter, some get confused on her name.

Rose Smith: People who are asking for job, you can check their name on the Social Security card. Someone needs to look at that. Correct that first.

Vice-President Henderson: Yes, we will.

Memberships vote 12 (7 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 in person and 1 online) abstained to approve this resolution.

9. ~~Resolution No. TAT-22-06-47.~~ AN ACT RE-AFFIRMING THE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE VOLUNTEER FARMING COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS.

President Haskie requested committee member to explain the re-affirming of the Plan of Operation. *No committee member was in attendance.*

Elouise Brown: If there is no volunteer there to explain it, needs to be tabled.

Motion to table by Elouise Brown _____ Second by Lindsey Benally

Memberships vote 10 (6 in person and 4 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to TABLE this resolution until committee member is present.

II. REPORT(S):

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

2. **Chapter Business Update**

President Haskie read the Chapter Business update, which is attached to the minutes.

President Haskie: We really need a rural addressing group. Anyone can apply, even the college students. It's for one month to put up the road signs. Then we will also advertise for the equipment operator.

Elouise Brown: The on Call, what's required?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Does not require CDL License for the Chapters. It's based on experience and the documents with applications. Registered with Chapter for 6 months.

Elouise Brown: Is pay to experience, or base pay?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Experience and ranges from \$12.75 to \$14.00

Elouise Brown: What about the Rural Addressing?

President Haskie: Hold on, let's look at it.

Elouise Brown: I am looking for gas money, not for anyone else.

Rose Smith: Rural addressing, you mentioned College. You can't put the summer students in there? The college ones. They could do it for the one month. That's just a suggestion.

President Haskie: Yes, they can apply.

Elouise Brown: I am still waiting for my answer

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Rural Addressing is for 40 hrs./ week for \$10.00 for 4 weeks.

Elouise Brown: I am pretty sure that's coming from tribal government, it's the pay, that's why you are still looking for people. That's just my thought. The pay is too low, else I'd help out.

Christine Benally: Is the gas covered?

President Haskie: No, it's not covered.

Christine Benally: Then it's volunteer.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: They will get certified to drive the Chapter truck. They will get their Navajo Nation permit. So, no, they will not be using their vehicle.

Rose Smith: So, they have to have a tribal driving permit?

President Haskie: Once they are hired, they will get the permit. So, they will have a vehicle to drive.

Tommy Nakai: On both of them, do they have to be fluent in Navajo?

I don't think so, just someone that can work. They'll be putting road signs. They won't be dealing with the public. Window Rock will train these people before they go to work.

Ammerson Barber: Question, the bridge, how many of our people are working there?

Christine Benally: Zero.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Navajo DOT hired a contractor, FNF Construction out of Tempe, AZ. So, they have their own crew, however they needed general labor work, so there are 3 workers as temporary while they are here.

Ammerson Barber: What about the other one?

President Haskie: Good question. We will fund out and give a report at the next meeting. Next week, will be Just Move It. Come out and join. Also, N34 highway and 491 junctions. The request to raise the road has been going on for years. We met with the road crew; they are working on it. October will have the planning complete.

Christine Benally: The road should have been built correct in the first place. The whole thing needs to be redesigned so the water is diverted to the East.

3. Tse Alnaozti'i Veterans Organization- Not present in person or on teleconference.

Ammerson Barber: Elouise, how did you meeting go for the Northern Agency Veterans meeting?

President Haskie: I don't think she heard you.

Elouise Brown: I heard him; I am just busy doing other stuff. I think it went really well.

Ammerson Barber: I just heard the announcement that you guys were discussing the Veterans Act and funding.

Elouise Brown: I wasn't asked to do a report, is that what you are trying to ask me for?

Ammerson Barber: Yeah

Elouise Brown: It went pretty well. It kind of made a turn. We were supposed to vote on a resolution for the budget. We had a CVO meeting at Sanostee on Friday. When we were voting on that budget, after discussion, then we got an email from Zwerlin. We just decided not vote on the resolution. Yesterday at another meeting, we had a discussion on the budget again. I made a recommendation to them. They took it. We gave a direct to Northern Agency Council Delegates to get more information for them. On why is Zwerlin pushing us and find out the exact information for the budget. We were told the deadline is the 20th. I said we'd be okay. But we are asking for more information. Next meeting is June 30th at San Juan College at 1000 hrs. By that day, we asked for all the information.

President Haskie: I wanted to add, yesterday the Agency Council met. A resolution was passed to have all the monies given to the Chapter. That's how they did the resolution.

Elouise Brown: What money are you talking about?

President Haskie: The veteran's money from Window Rock. Your annual allocation.

Elouise Brown: That's not what the Veterans want.

President Haskie: That's why James Benally from COVE.

Elouise Brown: He doesn't even show up at the Veterans meeting. He was relieved of his duties because he wasn't informing the veterans. They weren't transparent, him and another individual.

President Haskie: He submitted the resolution for COVE since they are certified. They wanted to do their set up but other certified chapters asked to be a part of it. Then others said, us non-certified chapters want the same. So, it changed to both.

Elouise Brown: For you information, I hope they got that from their veterans, because that's not what they want. If you have a copy, if you could send it to me.

President Haskie: We don't have a copy. Contact the agency secretary- Matthew Tso or Shiprock Chapter.

4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe

Alonzo Cohoe reported. This past month we had 1 homesite lease application. Still doing tally counts. Completed 10 more these past couple weeks. Majority of them are headed up the mountain. Some of the animals are coming back down. This is what I've been hearing from several sources. The water is already going down, so people really need to keep an eye on your animals. Tally counts are from October 2021 to September 2022. Compared to last year, we have 110 permits tallied. Now, we are at 20 to 25 for the year. Later this year, it'll go up. There are a whole lot of permits that haven't been tallied for years. Probates and transfers have not been completed. The process is holding back the process. A lot are waiting for this portion. We ask questions too of why it's taking so long, even down to passing resolutions to help the process. We aren't hearing back from the departments on the process either. Also, the wild and feral horses out there. It's not good to just be releasing your horses. A lot of them are dying off out there. We keep getting calls about orphans. We've been doing our best to catch those. Also, in the mountains, bears are being reported. Once was seen eating up a cow. Keep an eye on your animals. Permit holders, have someone check on your animals if you are working. Let's hope it keeps raining and helps with the water situation in the mountains. Else we will have horses and cattle coming back down. Some are going into the Arizona side as well, get someone to keep an eye on them for you. Else they'll get seized by the Rangers.

Christine Benally: Suggestion. Fish & Wildlife transfers, the Shiprock BIA Agency said it was 2014 for the last transfer. Where is the policy and procedures? Just like the veterans, they didn't consult with them. I think we need to pass a resolution for those permits to be transferred. Federal regulation, Navajo Nation adopted that. The objective says, permittees would not be affected. What's going on is not right. Some of us reduced. Some don't have a permit, overgrazing or using state brands. The vegetation is gone and look at all the sand. The permit holders need to be included, just not Window Rock making the decisions.

- 5. Community Land Use Planning Committee- Not present in person or on teleconference. Defer to July meeting.**
- 6. Community Road Committee- Not present in person or on teleconference. Defer to July meeting.**
- 7. Volunteer Farming Committee- Not present in person or on teleconference. Defer to July meeting.**
- 8. Central Consolidated School District- School shooting protocol- Not present in person or on teleconference. Defer to July meeting. *President Haskie: At the Agency council, the superintendent for CCSD stated, they are going to improve their school protection. Making sure the doors are locked and closed.***

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Rose Smith

Memberships vote 8 (3 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 in person and 1 online) abstained to accept the reports.

III. NEXT MEETING:

1. July 2022 Planning Meeting: 07/03/2022 @ 1 pm
2. July 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 07/17/2022 @ 1 pm

IV. CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. June 21, 2022- CLUPC Meeting
2. June 29, 2022- In Person- JUST MOVE IT
3. EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM- FREE ZUMBA CLASSES

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Ammerson Barber Second by Gerald Henderson

Memberships vote 10 in favor (5 in person and 5 online), 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: _____ on 06/19/2022.

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: _____

