

Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter
October Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes
by Teleconference & In Person Limit of 25 persons
October 10, 2022
9 a.m.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Haskie

2) ROLL CALL

1. Chapter President, Jeanne Haskie: PRESENT
2. Chapter Vice-President, Gerald Henderson: PRESENT
3. Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Jourdan Washburn: PRESENT
4. Chapter Grazing Officer, Alonzo Cohoe: ABSENT at Roll call, PRESENT at 9:16 a.m.
5. Honorable Council Delegate, Amber K Crotty: ABSENT
6. In person Audience: 7 in person
7. Teleconference Audience: 5 online participants

3) INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson.

4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Haskie read agenda into record.

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Freddie Mark

Memberships vote 11 (9 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) to accept the agenda.

5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record.

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Kori Tso

Christine Benally: I want to make a comment on one of the resolutions, regarding the land withdrawals. There was a petition signed and presented to the Chapter by residents of Littlewater. Make sure that was entered into the record at Sanostee when it was delivered and noted in this meeting. There was 4 or 5 pages who signed that petition.

Memberships vote 11 (9 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 3 (1 in person and 2 online) abstained to accept the minutes.

6) GUEST SPEAKER(S):

- a) **San Juan County Clerk's Office- General Election (not ready to present when called on)**
- b) **New Mexico Gov. Lujan Grisham Office- Not present in person or on the teleconference line when called on.**
- c) **San Juan College West.** Tellitha V. reported. Passed out information on the San Juan College bond. On the Nov 8th, the back of the ballot, it will have several bonds on it. This one is called "College". This bond will be looking at the projects. One is public mountain bike park, the theater upgrades, retractable bleachers, renovation/location of a building.

It'll be for the students who live in this area. It will not increase tax rates. Already existing taxes put aside and we are asking for the usage of those. My supervisor is online as well, Sandy, not sure if she has anything to say. Are there any questions?

Kori Tso: NM students will have their tuition paid for from gambling, is that true?

Tellitha V.: In terms of scholarships, you can apply. That's a separate one. Such as the lottery.

Kori Tso: I know that one but this is different.

Tellitha V.F; or the tuition, you would have to go the institution itself and see if they are eligible. It's based on financial aid.

Christine Benally: In your tax bond, can someone buy or invest in them? Are those collected by taxes? What kind of tax?

Tellitha V.: They are coming from property taxes. In a way, will not affect here in the Navajo Nation. Its those with property.

San Juan County Clerk's Office- Marianne Benally reported. Federal, State and County Election on November 8th. Three ways to vote. Absentee, Early or Day of voting. Absentee: fill out application and turn in. Applications at the Chapter. Then send to the county. The ballot will get mailed to you. Bring back by November 8th by 7 pm. Early voting: At San Juan Count Clerks 'Office from Oct 11th to the 21st. Then the 22nd to Nov. 5th, Monday through Friday at other locations listed on information sheet. Closest is the Newcomb Fire Station. Then on Election Day on November 8th. 33 sites will be available for you all to vote, including Sanostee Chapter. *Ms. Benally read through the ballot for Sanostee Chapter, which is attached to the minutes, which was also handed out to membership. Copies also available at the Chapter.*

Kori Tso: The amendment # 3, in other worse, whoever wants to run has to serve...

Marianne Benally: if one vacates, The State of NM can appoint a judge. That judge has to serve one year before any major election. Then they can run again in that same position.

Kori Tso: Amendment # 2, where do they serve? What do we need to bring to the election?

Marianne Benally: Your voter's card or your information. You can vote anywhere in San Juan County.

Christine Benally: Talking about the tribal schools. Contract? BIA? Or public?

Marianne Benally: You need to call the county office; they have more information on that.

Christine Benally: Just wanted to know where you can vote if you live in Albuquerque.

Marianne Benally: They can use absentee ballot too.

Charmaine Jackson: If they are doing absentee or early voting. They can register at National Youth Council in Albq. Or they can check with Tohajilee Chapter too.

Marianne Benally: You can also fill out the absentee application online, at the chapter, post office and other places. Absentee ballot applications no longer after November 4th.

Tommy Nakai: Closes voting here? Early voting?

Marianne Benally: Newcomb Fire Station, October 22nd to November 5th, Monday through Friday.

Christine Benally: Do you have the information posted at Littlewater Store.

Marianne Benally: I am going too.

(c) Resolution No. TAT-23-10-03. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER NAVAJO NATION FISCAL RECOVERY/AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT PROPOSAL LISTING FOR FY 2023.

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Glenn Duncan

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Direne Curley: What does a community helipad mean?

President Haskie: When an emergency arises, an ambulance can take up to two hours to get help. This will allow the helicopter to safely land and transport patients immediately. We have a lot of things that have happened here and we've lost some people. We really talked about this ARPA incoming monies. With CLUP Committee and Roads Committee, we asked people and what and where can we benefit. It has to be COVID related. Our whole list doesn't apply because it has to relate to health and COVID. Our greatest health issue is water and electric connections.

Elouise Brown: Is there a list already for water and electric?

President Haskie: Yes, we have a list.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: 18 homes that have no waterline and 15 for powerlines. For housing needs there are 12 individuals.

Elouise Brown: Is there enough funding for them?

President Haskie: What we do, we submit our requests to the Navajo Nation. They will handle it from there. They are asking what is your needs and we are sending this to them.

Elouise Brown: Are the people on the list elderly, and did they already get help before?

President Haskie: People have a need; you don't ask those questions. We know they need the assistance. We also get information from the Senior Center and the CHR.

Elouise Brown: I know there are people who are in dire need. I don't know if they are on the list but they never have been on a list. Do they request or how to get on it? You mentioned the CHR, she doesn't go around in the community. I know that for sure.

President Haskie: Bring the names to the Chapter. Call the CSC at the Chapter, give the names. They can get on the list.

Elouise Brown: Your list, is that first come first serve? Or needs?

President Haskie: We just got the names from the community. There is no priority. It's not it, if you want to add names.

Elouise Brown: Do they have to fill out an application?

President Haskie: No.

Elouise Brown: Just call in the names?

President Haskie: Yes.

Christine Benally: Is there a cap? Or a maximum of what a person can get help with?

President Haskie: We don't have anything like that. They are asking what our needs are. We listed these two. Then we have the names. It's not cut off.

Christine Benally: If someone already has water and electricity but they have a delapidated house. Need a roof repair, windows and all that. Can they still get help?

President Haskie: Roof leaking, doors, we have housing discretionary.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We have our housing discretionary that can provide assistance to what you are talking about. Housing improvement is one of our items for this one as well.

Larry Jumbo: I am the current President for the committee, the other two members didn't come here today. I am asking for support to keep the plan of operation approved and in use. People want the committee to stay in progress, so we want to keep things going. Jourdan can read the plan of operation and we can talk about it.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read the Plan of Operation into record.

Elouise Brown: To Larry, is Thompson and Mary on the call right now? Or at the meeting?

President Haskie: They are not on the call but he has talked with them and agreed with this resolution.

Larry Jumbo: I did talk to both of them, they want to continue on in the committee.

Elouise Brown: If they want to work together, they should have been on the call or in person. I am going to vote in favor. The south side, we'd like to be included and we would like to help.

Larry Jumbo: We really want everyone to get involved from all directions. Now that we can meet, we want more involvement. First meeting is on the 23rd at 1 o'clock.

Elouise Brown: Announce the meetings, text, email or on the radio.

Christine Benally: Usually, you put down your accomplishments. What did you accomplish before COVID or what is your goals? Are there plans to fix certain issues?

Larry Jumbo: Like I said before, come to the meetings and ask these questions there. We talk about that and our priorities as well.

Christine Benally: You shouldn't even be saying that, come to meetings. Just asking what your goals are.

Kori Tso: Under F, there is a lot of local governance act. Are they going to get training on that?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Every committee follows FMS and Title 26. It'll be the official's job. Gerald will have to over see them.

Memberships vote 23 (12 in person and 11 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the and resolution.

(f) Resolution No. TAT-23-10-06. AN ACT REQUESTING A DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE ILLEGAL TRASH DUMPING.

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Freddie Mark

Larry Jumbo: I would like to see a dumpster or even a shedder available. It would really help our problems, even as the custodian here, there is a lot of weeds that need to be removed.

President Haskie: This can be added into this plan that will be developed.

Vice-President Henderson: You could also get those companies come out to dispose of the trees. Come out for a day and contract with them.

Larry Jumbo: Also wanted to mention a transfer station like the one in Newcomb. I really want something done because people keep dumping trash in the wash. I put up a sign too. They even dump dogs down there.

Elouise Brown: Is this for the north side of the chapter or the whole community? Because we are always forgotten when it comes to things.

Vice-President Henderson: It's for the whole community.

Christine Benally: Suggestion, you need make sure the conservation plans that were approved by BIA. If they are not in our plans, that's in contradictory. I want that noted for the record.

Memberships vote 22 (13 in person and 9 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

- (g) **Resolution No. TAT-23-10-07.** AN ACT REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION ELECTIONS OFFICE TO TAKE ACTION AND DECLARE VACANT FOR THE SANOSTEE DAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Jourdan Washburn

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

President Haskie: There are 2 positions that are vacant. They cannot make a quorum with 2 members. One vacancy needs to also be declared because member isn't making the meetings.

Phyllis Todacheene: It is correct. This is something I have been reporting. The school board has not had any meetings because of no quorum. One needs to be declared vacant and the other is waiting for a background check. We are here for the children. We have to be there for them. We need the other 2 positions declared vacant. You have to pass two backgrounds, one with BIA and Navajo Nation.

Rannitta Henderson: Thank you for bringing this matter up. It is correct what Phyllis is explaining. I am the one who needs to the background check. I have turned them in but for some reason they keep getting misplaced. I keep asking questions and telling them I have turned in everything. I cannot get any answers. I even called the Albuquerque office. Election office called me last week and asked if I was still interested in staying on the board. I told them yes, I am.

Kori Tso: Does the resolution need to be corrected then?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We will change the resolution to five positions. Should we also add DODE too, according to Rannitta?

President Haskie: Yes, to both.

Memberships vote 18 (11 in person and 7 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

- (h) **Resolution No. TAT-23-10-08.** ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE PLANNING AND REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Kori Tso

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Memberships vote 14 (10 in person and 3 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

- (i) **Resolution No. TAT-23-10-09.** ACCEPTING AND APPROVING NEW MEMBERSHIP OF MR. GLENN DUNCAN TO THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion by Kori Tso

Second by Freddie Mark

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Glenn Duncan: Introduced himself. I placed my letter of interest in. I am wanting to help the committee. I would appreciate your vote to those in the meeting.

Memberships vote 17 (10 in person and 7 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the resolution.

9) REPORT(S):

1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty- Not present on the call or in person.

2. Chapter Business Update

Ms. Ora Begay introduced herself as the new Community Service Coordinator for Sanostee Chapter. She has a lot of experience. I am learning the way things work at the Chapter. Give me some time. I will help and work with you all. I'll be standing and looking up to the Officials.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn reported.

- Hired 10 PEP workers for the new crew.
- Operating Budget is complete. Being entered into accounting system now.
- Septic Tank cleaning will be coming up soon. There is a waiting list. Please sign up if you need that. \$100 assistance from the Chapter.
- January will be the next housing discretionary opening.
- Shiprock Fair Parade: Sanostee got 2nd place.
- Officially have a Miss Sanostee: Aaliyah Saggboy (looking for an official crown, please send someone our way if you know of a crown maker)
- Check our website for any announcements.

3. Veterans Organization- Not present on the call or in person.

4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe.

- New year, starting this year's tally counts.
- Permits that need probate, we are in process of making a list of those. It'll come down to taking back to BIA on what will happen with those. Some haven't been used in 10 to 20 years. They may be cancelled out as well, especially those who have passed on. It'll probably be discussed at next months meeting. We've been getting a lot of complaint forms at our meetings.
- We found out our border lines are 450 ft. north of our state line for our reservation lines. They are renegotiating. The Colorado/NM border will add 1,065 acres to the Navajo Nation. Going to sit down with Ute tribe about issues.
- Schedule your tally counts. 505-354-3028.
- Working on topics for grazing permit meetings, including grazing regulation coverage. Ext meeting is on the 16th at 6 pm at Sanostee Chapter.

Christine Benally: recently 2019 forward, grazing permit transfers. Fish and Wildlife inserted themselves in there. That's beyond control of the permittees. Those before 2019, I think they should let those go through and letting the tribe hold on those. We need a resolution for those. We don't know how long they will hold those because there is no policy. Or is there already a resolution in place?

Alonzo Cohoe: In July we had a meeting in Montezuma Creek. I had the exact same question and why these people aren't getting their permits back. A resolution was done and gone in. I am not sure who is getting the answer on it. We also have that Navajo Resource Improvement Act in 2014. It's basically deals with conservation plans and who is going to take care of it.

Phyllis Todacheene: You said you are in the plans of taking back the deceased permits. You are all elected by the people. You need to speak on behalf of the permittees. Some of these families have held them for years. I am sure there are reasons on why they haven't been handled. Do not let them take it. It shouldn't be that way, so in your group, tell them that.

Alonzo Cohoe: Since 2000, we've been informing all permit or families to go and probate their permits. So, it can be used without any issues. People don't want to do that. Based on what we do, all we are doing is gathering the names. We will find out way before we get into moving forward with cancelling, etc. We inform every year.

~~5. Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson~~

~~6. Navajo Transitional Energy Company, Helium Development, Charlie Jones~~

7. Sanostee Day School Board.

Phyllis Todacheene reported.

- Currently inactive. No meetings.
- Principal does not currently communicate with us.
- Need members on board, to become active.

8. Community Land Use Planning Committee

Phyllis Todacheene reported.

- Committee is still active. Glenn is new addition. Needed two members.
- Community says they are concerned, join the meetings and help. We could use your ideas and move with us.
- Still working on Chapter Government land withdrawal.
- Community Cemetery land withdrawals. Falls under Navajo Nation.
- Regular Meeting is on October 18, 2022 at 4 pm at Chapter.

Christine Benally: You guys need to work with Permit holders. If you work with the people, it'll work better. The officials don't come to the people. All these committees need to work together with the people. We have our own conservation plans.

Elouise Brown: We need to work together. It would be nice. Some of us really try. I have a busy schedule and want to go to CLUPC meetings. The people need to be included. All leaders need to think correctly for the people. You can ask for people to join but it works both ways. The chapter and officials, no one considers our community. It's always the same people who get the help. The ones way out there, never get help. Even the CHR doesn't go around. Just around the Chapter. I am talking about everyone. I help everyone and anyone that I can. I want to participate when my schedule can. So many terms have talked about land withdrawals. The cemetery, I don't think anyone really goes out there to work with the people. If you did, maybe it wouldn't be so difficult.

Phyllis Todacheene: Christine, I couldn't really understand your question. Elouise, when we talk, it says a lot when we talk about our people. I could say, I don't live out there, I don't care but I am here to help the people. Even if I don't know them, I do my best to help the people. We have to put ourself aside. It's easy to complain and come up with excuses. It's true, it would really work, we need ideas and sense of direction. It affects each and every one of us. We have the capability to think and to plan.

9. Northern Navajo Fair Board Sanostee Representative, Rannitta Henderson- Not present on the call or in person.

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Jourdan Washburn

Memberships vote 11 (4 in person and 7 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 in person and 1 online) abstained to accept the reports.

10) NEXT MEETING:

1. November 2022 Planning Meeting: 11/6/2022 @ 1 pm
2. November 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 11/20/2022 @ 1 pm

11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. October 11, 2022 @ 9 am - Road Committee Meeting
2. October 15, 2022 @ 6 pm- Ranchers Roundtable/Permittee Meeting
3. October 16, 2022 @ 9 am to 12 pm- CLUPC Workshop- CLUP Manual Update
4. October 16, 2022 @ 1 pm- Tse Alnaozti'i Veterans Meeting
5. October 18, 2022 @ 4 pm- CLUPC Meeting
6. October 23, 2022 @ 1 pm- Volunteer Farming Committee Meeting
7. EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY @ 6:30 PM- FREE ZUMBA CLASSES
8. ADD ON: Veterans Trail Ride on November 11, 2022
9. ADD ON: Groundbreaking for Veterans Nursing Home on October 19, 2022.

12) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Larry Jumbo

Second by Alonzo Cohoe

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: _____ on 10/17/2022.

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: _____