

**Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter**  
**November Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes**

by Teleconference & In Person

November 20, 2022

1 p.m.

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.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: PRESENT
5. Honorable Council Delegate, Amber K Crotty: PRESENT
6. In person Audience: 1 in person
7. Teleconference Audience: 3 online participants

**3) INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Vice-President Henderson.

**4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

President Haskie read agenda into record.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Larry Jumbo

Delegate Amber Crotty: Requesting to add a resolution, that was emailed out this morning regarding the Navajo Nation Fiscal Recovery Fund. With the resolution to request DOJ to review our request for additional housing assistance.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: I do have her resolution in the email. I am also requesting to add two items to the agenda that were forgotten to be added to the agenda.

1. Resolution for the Road Maintenance Agreement with BIA Roads Department. For grading, cattleguard cleanout, mowing and trash pick up on the BIA Routes.
2. Resolution accepting Larry Jumbo membership to the Community Land Use Planning Committee. We do have his letter of interest.

Motioning party agreed to add the three items on the agenda.

**Memberships vote 4 (4 in person) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) to accept the agenda.**

**5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF OCTOBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Gerald Henderson

Christine Benally: That part about passing the resolutions for the governor. I called the ethics office and they said that wasn't supposed to be done. In the future, that should not be happening. There are several of us when the voting happened for the agenda. I want to make a note, I vote against it. When we are trying to add resolution, we are always told not to add additional resolutions at the meeting.

**Memberships vote 6 (6 in person) in favor, 4 (4 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the minutes.**

**6) GUEST SPEAKER(S): NONE.**

**7) OLD BUSINESS: NONE.**

**8) NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) Resolution No. TAT-23-11-10. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022 WITH ATTACMENT A & B.**

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn 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 Larry Jumbo

Second by Laura Chester

Christine Benally: Veterans Administration have travel reimbursement, is this on top of it? How do they justify the need for the travel.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: They talk to the commander, they provide a signed assistance form from TVO and the commander, with their appointment slip. They do receive \$100 for travel and turn in receipts afterwards. This is not associated with Northern Agency assistance; it is from the Chapter. Technically they are getting two travel allowances.

Christine Benally: If they have a VA appt, they get reimbursed. They are double dipping.

Leo Billey: We don't get any money from the agency. Not enough.

President Haskie: That is most likely why they ask for help from the Chapter.

Christine Benally: There is a tribal and from the US. Should check into that.

Rannitta Henderson: We are voting, did you get my vote?

**Memberships vote 8 (7 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 3 (2 online and 1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- (b) Resolution No. TAT-23-11-11. APPROVING AND SUPPORTING REVENUES GENERATED BUDGET SUPPORTED BY CHAPTER FOR FY 2023 IN GENERAL FUND 01**

Resolution was read into record by Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Gerald Henderson

No Discussion

**Memberships vote 10 (8 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 online and 1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- (c) Resolution No. TAT-23-11-12. APPROVING THE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION'S PROJECT APPLICATION TO EXPEND CHAPTER PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (PEP) FUNDS TO RE-ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE FOR ONE RECORDS CLERK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.**

Resolution was read into record by Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Laura Chester

Second by Leo Billey

No Discussion

**Memberships vote 12 (8 in person and 4 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 2 (1 online and 1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- (d) Resolution No. TAT-23-11-13. AN ACT REQUESTING NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADDRESS THE HIGH LEVEL OF SAND ADJACENT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY FENCE ON STATE HIGHWAY 491 IN THE SANOSTEE CHAPTER BOUNDARIES.**

Resolution was read into record by Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Larry Jumbo

Christine Benally: Also request the cattle guards be cleaned out.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: With that request, motioning party, can we add that to the resolution? *Motioning party agreed.* I will correct the resolution and add cattleguard cleanout.

**Memberships vote 11 (8 in person and 3 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

**President Haskie: There was a point made about the new additions, the three resolutions. We are going to give the official 48 hr. notice and schedule a special meeting for those. So, this last one will be the last considered resolution.**

## 9) REPORT(S):

### 1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty

Delegate Crotty reported. Resource & Development and Budget & Finance Committee met with the Natural Conservation Services. Ms. Tatum gave us a report. 1 million dollars per year to Navajo Nation for the equip funding. Lack of communication. How can the funds be used? Also looking for office space in Northern. 5 conservation districts. The grazing official and representative can explain. We do need a priority of projects in the community. Such as watershed, erosion control and conservation efforts. Also working with tri-parry with BIA, NRCS and Navajo Nation. NN has declared a drought emergency. Army Corp visited last week. Currently LGA certified can enter an agreement with them. Need to work with Water Resources to facilitate that conservation. Next ARPA/NNFRF. Opportunity to submit projects for DOJ review. In my email from this morning, the appendix is attached. Housing Department will be sending out their applications and work with the Chapter, to review for Major and Minor repairs. This will be a response and isolation to COVID.

Christine Benally: Restoration of farm areas, water retention and rebuilding of the dam. You were going to reach out to Army Corp of Engineers. Is that still in development?

Amber Crotty: They were able to provide a fly over and identify location. Once their contract is paid, they will share that with the community. Then we can discuss those.

Christine Benally: Status of Title 17, a draft for people to review it.

Amber Crotty: Criminal Code for Navajo Nation. There was a conversation on Friday. I am not sure if there is a draft of that meeting available.

Christine Benally: What is the status of the Dine Action plan?

Amber Crotty: Passed last year in October. The advisory committee has gathered. All three branches, about 20 individuals who meet regularly. They discuss violence, suicide, substance abuse, MMIRelatives. Last week we had a 2-day session. Director Henderson will care of MMIRelatives. Dr. Michelle Bransher led the suicide/mental health and substance abuse. Combining those efforts to intersect. Public will have access to those recordings.

Christine Benally: Was there funding passed with it?

Amber Crotty: No funding identified, only for the planning. The program is being analyzed for a budget.

Alshana John: I work with BMHS. Do you guys have any better to represent other than Michelle Bransher. She tends to abuse her constituents.

Amber Crotty: I can bring those concerns back to the people and see if Dr. Bransher is the only one to be identified. It'll be good to involve the community.

Alshana John: There are some ethical stuffs that I would watch out for. I have documentation. Maybe someone who is younger and has the experience. I think she is primarily in Window Rock. Isn't there an individual who was overseeing grants for MMI with Dine College. There was a grassroots setup who was working around that. Working with Utah Navajo, we have 2 advocates to provide services for shelter transportation or even court cases.

Christine Benally: This advisory committee, do you have any medicine man on there?

Amber Crotty: Peacemaking is a part of that.

Christine Benally: Title 17 amendment, violence against Governmental Officials. That would minimize the voice of the people. Officials can do what they want and then the retaliate. Even during a protest walk. People in the rocks, talk about intimidation. I am afraid people could get hurt, tear gassed or thrown in jail and that should be thrown out.

## **2. Chapter Business Update**

President Haskie reported.

1. Bridge was completed.
2. Elder Day with Senior Center. Good to see everyone.
3. Drive Thru Thanksgiving Dinner- 270 people who came through.
4. Spring Scholarships are open to apply- ends in January.

## **3. Veterans Organization**

Leo Billey reported.

1. Not a lot of people attending meetings.
2. COVID 19 is not getting any better.
3. New administration in Window Rock.
4. We tried to protest against the Director of Veterans Admin. No one shows up for that. Hopefully a new one with the administration.
5. We were informed funding was going to increase but we didn't see any of it.
6. Chapters need to re-open but haven't been done yet. They said back in July but it's still closed up. Maybe the new administration will change that.

## **4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe.**

Alonzo Cohoe reported.

1. We had conversations about Homesite lease process at our meetings.
2. 5 tally counts this past month.
3. Proposal for monies possibly, as soon as we know, it'll be shared. Please get your tally counts right away if this does happen.
4. District 12 meeting, had some resolutions passed regarding the sand build up. Also mowing for the highways. NMDOT did try to work on some fence lines but it was very quick fix. Need more worked on.
5. Meetings are now on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the afternoon. We are getting more people in the meetings. Presenters are available during the week than the weekends.

Christine Benally: I talked to Carol Begay at Fish and Wildlife. She was done with the reviews of District 14. They are recommending re-issuing of the grazing permits. Now they said units less than 10 are not going to work. I asked if she had our conservation plans. She told me no. I talked to Lambert; he was supposed to follow up. Guess they opened it up to the NN. Speak up for us. We know there is overlap with open grazing. Bio studies that's in the JUA grazing area.

They are applying it to the CFR that covers the reservation. That's not in accordance with the CFR we are under.

Alonzo Cohoe: Last month, we found out, it was a negotiation with BIA Natural Resources. That's how Fish and Wildlife got involved. I asked for a copy of the contract as far as how things were presented. I haven't gotten a copy of it. They are supposed to do range assessments each year but haven't seen that being done. We don't have the same setup from when those permits were originally issued.

## **5. Community Health Representative, Berlinda Dickson**

Berlinda Dickson reported.

1. I report every other month at the Chapter meeting.
2. I have a calendar on the areas I go on a monthly basis. I make sure I try to cover all the areas. Last month, it was mentioned I don't go that direction.
3. Our CHR department is shorthanded. I have 4 other communities I have to cover, including Sanostee. August 25<sup>th</sup>- Beclabito has coverage. October 24<sup>th</sup>- Red Mesa has coverage now. We do have boundaries. The mentioned concern, Elouise Brown area, that is under Newcomb area. I am always on the go, not just stationed at the Chapter.
4. August 22<sup>nd</sup>: We had a training for smoke alarms and my 10 high risks are getting their smoke alarms installed by me.
5. Sept 28-30<sup>th</sup>: Training in Albuquerque. We have to stay up on our certification. It included the abuse of marijuana, stating its medical use when it really isn't. Our community does have people in this situation.
6. October 10<sup>th</sup>: I had to move my office to another location. I am thankful for getting that setup.
7. I need more names and referrals. I can do welfare checks as well. We are back in the hotspot area.
8. Sponsored 1<sup>st</sup> Health Fair here in Sanostee. There was a large outcome. A lot of elders came out and it was good to see them. The Chapter provided lunch for the presenters. Got a lot of support from Molina as well. They gave me a catalog of what they can get help with. Some of elders got approved for coverage and are now able to get help with diapers, wipes and personal hygiene stuff. They'll be doing joint home visits with me.
9. COVID 19 Hotspot: Wear your masks and sanitize. I have test kits available as well.

Christine Benally: My brother is disabled. Social Services or someone used to come and clean. Since COVID, they don't come around anymore. Until Window Rock approves it, is what they were told. They need the services yet conferences, rallies and parades. They are allowed to travel and gathering. They are being neglected.

Berlinda Dickson: I am working on that with your brother. I am trying to get them on with a private service. Also, I helped a family get re-homed in Newcomb.

Vice-President Henderson: If you could also check on David Begay as well. I appreciate your update and thank you for your work with the people. It's important to keep reminding us about our mask wearing as well.

Alshana John: Can we get Mrs. Dickson, or what her name is, the CHR phone number and email?

Berlinda Dickson: 928-551-4530 and [banndickson@gmail.com](mailto:banndickson@gmail.com)

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Gerald Henderson

**Memberships vote 12 (7 in person and 5 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the reports.**

Christine Benally: What's going to happen with all the State and Federal appointees with the new administration?

Amber Crotty: Within the first quarter of next year, there will be appointments to all national/tribal committees. Reselection or re-appointed. The state has the voting committee and energy committee, they'll need to be re-appointed.

Christine Benally: Disabled services are not getting them. They are being told until Window Rock approves it. They are being neglected and abandoned by the tribe while these people are out traveling.

Amber Crotty: I received your email and did ask the NM disability law center. They'll provide some guidance and get a recommendation.

**10) NEXT MEETING:**

1. December 2022 Planning Meeting: 12/4/2022 @ 1 pm
2. December 2022 Regular Chapter Meeting: 12/18/2022 @ 1 pm

**11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS. (Activities Calendar reviewed)**

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Larry Jumbo                      Second by Alonzo Cohoe

**Memberships vote 10 in favor (7 in person and 3 online), 1 opposed and 1 abstained to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.**

**Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn: \_\_\_\_\_ on 11/22/2022.**

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