

Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter
January Regular Chapter Meeting Minutes

by Teleconference & In Person

January 22, 2023

1 p.m.

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 1:01 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: ABSENT, PRESENT at 1:15 p.m.
5. Honorable Council Delegate, Amber K Crotty: ABSENT
6. In person Audience- 4 in person at roll call
7. Teleconference Audience- 1 person at roll call

3) INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice President Henderson

4) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read agenda into record.

No discussion, additions or deletions.

Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Kori Tso

Memberships vote 5 (5 in person) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) to accept the agenda.

5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record.

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Darlene Smith

No discussion.

Memberships vote 11 (10 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the minutes.

6) GUEST SPEAKER(S):

- a) **Evelyn Walker, Navajo Department of Highway Safety.** Although it is already snowing, muddy conditions and is cold, I want to talk about preparation and safety tips for when you traveling in your vehicle. It's important to be prepared for all types of situations you can be put into while driving. Make sure you have more than half of your gas tank full. Check your tires before driving. Always wear your seatbelt, every trip you make. If you're pulled over, be cautious when on the side of the road, because not everyone pays attention to vehicles on the side of the road. Checking the traffic situations is important too. Stay focused on your driving, don't be distracted. Thank you to Sanostee Chapter for bringing me out to do your Defensive Driving Course for the community, other chapters and staff. Thank you.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution No. TAT-23-01-21. REQUESTING NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER, NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE 24 COUNCIL DELEGATES TO 48 COUNCIL DELEGATES TO COVER ALL 110 CHAPTERS THOROUGHLY.**
Sponsor: Commander Billey

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Elouise Brown

Second by Harrison Barber

No discussion.

Memberships vote 15 (13 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) **Resolution No. TAT-23-01-22. APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF A WEATHER STATION WITHIN THE CHAPTER'S LOCATION FOR THE LONG-TERM COLLECTION OF WEATHER DATA. THE INTENTION OF INSTALLING WEATHER STATION IS TO HELP ORGANIZE FUTURE MITIGATION RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY OF SANOSTEE, NEW MEXICO AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF OUR NAVAJO PEOPLE. Sponsor: Navajo Nation Fish & Wildlife**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Alonzo Cohoe

Second by Larry Jumbo

Jamie Begay: From Fish & Wildlife. Under the Climate Change program and presented at the Planning meeting about the weather station with New Mexico State.

Dave Dubois: NMSU Climatologist and responsible for this weather station project.

Jamie Begay: We are in collaboration with NMSU and aiming to set up weather stations at different locations. Currently have 19 locations. Also have water resources that will be housing 2 stations on their property. About 14 chapters they are working with. One school is willing to also house a station.

Referring to hand out. Attached to minutes.

Stations collect: Precipitation, Wind direction, Wind speed, soil moisture, soil temperature, barometric pressure and solar radiation. A lot of information being collected to help us with climate change. Good for students in higher education under research. Tier 2 is smaller and Tier 3. We found two areas for installation. One behind this building and behind the head start. All data collected is real time and sent to a website. You can look at the data, which is updated every 5 minutes. It is solar powered, nothing connected to the Chapter. All funding from NMSU. They'll be coming in periodically to check on the system.

Dave Dubois: The selection of different Tiers, I usually decide on is Tier 1. If there is no opposition, we could go with that. The height is pretty tall but we can go with a smaller one. All collect the same but Tier 1 can collect the 30 feet winds. Can forecast NM weather. It gives them a better ability to forecast in this area. This information can be used right away once it's installed. Right now, the closest station is in Farmington, Gallup and Window Rock. This will be able to give more informed information.

Kori Tso: The information received; will it say Sanostee?

Dave Dubois: It will say Sanostee, NM and give the community a higher priority and be put on the map. I can share the website. As soon as the weather station is installed, Sanostee will have their own page. It will say how much rain has fell or even last month. Even the low and high temperature.

Kori Tso: It would be nice to have a big board, like the ones they have at the casino, where people can see how the weather is. If you have the funding.

Jamie Begay: I did have a power point presentation that had the website and showed where to go. Maybe at a different day I can show that. She had asked about if it collects pollination?

Dave Dubois: This weather station only collects weather data. It doesn't collect pollen. They would have to collect that every day, count one at a time under a microscope.

That is something that is important and maybe in future we can do air quality depending on funding.

Nelson Begaye: Let's say the area is forecasted for heavy storm coming in. Is it possible to put in the area? Because last year the area experienced a severe situation and families were not prepared for this. Something like this, will this alert to the community?

Dave Dubois: Our data is 5 minutes, so if it rains at a certain rate, the national weather service who is in Albq and as well in Flagstaff office. They see that number coming in at a high rate, deepening on the numbers, they know that. We can provide the data and they interpret that. Then they can do the advisory. The data from here will help them. Right now, they don't have that. That would give this community that number. It would help in the forecasting of flood.

Nelson Begaye: The communication is another thing. A warning will help those that live in the way back areas.

Dave Dubois: Maybe that's a next step. First let's get the information and then figure out how to get that information to the community. A lot of areas, people don't listen to the radio or even cell phone usage.

Jamie Begay: Goals for the program. Find new ways to help community members to get that information. It's a beginning phase.

Darlene Smith: Is this temporary?

Dave Dubois: Long term goal. We do rely on external funding from the State and Federal government. I have support from communities, farm groups, associations too. The people who use the information can lobby for the funding. Hoping to have over 210 stations in the state. It's a treasurer for our communities. It's worth the money investment. We need to have solid numbers for participation. The conservation, livestock board and give them numbers to get out payment for drought.

Jamie Begay: This collaboration is great for Navajo Nation communities. Water resources does have weather stations, what are they doing with that? They do have it but it's outdated and manual ran. They currently don't have the funding. We do have their support with these.

Alonzo Cohoe: The ones you are talking about, will you be able to replace those?

Jamie Begay: Trying to work on that. Currently working with replacing one at Sheepsprings, depending on the location.

Dave Dubois: It's just the start. About 4 million to do the whole state. A lot of interest in weather. Hopefully continue 5 to 10 years. Hopefully replace the manual ones eventually. Need community support for it all. Its about getting this information to you for irrigation and planting. Email or call me, information is on the card I gave you all.

Leo Billey: What happened to our snow report? Used to unload their snowmobile at Narbona Pass to Big Valley. It would help us livestock owners. Tells us how much water will be.

Jamie Begay: I am not sure but I can ask about. I have not heard of those reports. I can ask one of the other supervisors and can back to you on that one.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The locations, north of Headstart, it's dark there. The other location has light and camera coverage. I think this is a good idea. We have an emergency response team that keeps an eye on the weather. About 80% of the forecast is wrong. It will be good to get data directly from here.

Dave Dubois: We an option to put a camera on the weather station, mainly to monitor the weather and it can be placed towards any direction. They can see the weather changes happening. You can also see on the website the camera footage. The location, the visibility might be something to consider where the wind isn't changed by a building.

Harrison Barber: You guys are promoting this, the area you are considering, is that already decided? To chapters, specific location on those two sites. How are from the preschool and the location?

Vice President Henderson: Until the new administration. So, another 2 years. Or we can do another term.

Memberships vote 19 (17 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

- (d) **Resolution No. TAT-23-01-25. AN ACT ACCEPTING THE BUDGET REVISION IN FUND 27 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 20,000.00 FROM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-BUILDING MATERIALS GL CODE 6724 TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE-HEALTH NEEDS GL CODE 6732 TO CONTINUE THE HANDICAP RAMP INSTALLATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Harrison Barber Second by Larry Jumbo

No discussion.

Memberships vote 17 (15 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

- (e) **Resolution No. TAT-23-01-26. APPROVING THE FY 23 GAMING FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT \$7,532.85. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Harrison Barber Second by Kori Tso

No discussion.

Memberships vote 16 (14 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

- (f) **Resolution No. TAT-23-01-27. APPROVING THE FY 23 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT \$3,273.00. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Harrison Barber

No discussion.

Memberships vote 18 (16 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

- (g) **Resolution No. TAT-23-01-28. 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 FOR SANOSTEE CHAPTER'S REGIONAL ROUTES LISTING. Sponsor: Community Road Committee**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Kori Tso Second by Larry Jumbo

No discussion.

Memberships vote 15 (14 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

9) REPORT(S):

1. **Council Delegate, Amber Crotty- Not Present in person or on call.**

LDA Denny: The housing applications have not been finalized; we will give updates.

2. Chapter Business Update

Secretary/Treasurer reported.

1. Public Employment Program
 - 8 currently employed
 - Records Clerk under review/interview/hire
2. Committee Vacancies
 - Community Road Committee- (2) member vacancies
 - Community Land Use Planning Committee- (1) member vacancy
 - Farming Committee- (2) officer vacancies
3. Housing Discretionary Assistance
 - Deadline- January 31,2023 by 5 pm
4. Scholarship Assistance
 - Deadline- January 31, 2023 by 5 pm
5. Handicap Ramp Assistance
 - Call Chapter Administration Office to sign up for evaluation
6. Community Road Committee will be meeting BIA Roads Department this week to go over the priority needs and upgrades in the community. Includes washes, culvert placements, repair on guardrails and minor grading of the BIA Roads.
7. Emergency Declaration- Team Leader Gerald Henderson Update.
 - On Friday, Declaration was sent out.
 - Secretary/Treasurer started doing ICS 213 forms to Emergency Operations Center, reporting our current conditions in Sanostee. Including snow, mud, community situations as a daily report.
 - ALERT Team, Officials and PEP are on standby for now. Edmund Tso asked about our status of team members and equipment. If certified team is called out, the team could get deployed.
 - We had an update meeting with our Team and CHR this morning.
 - No high needs in Sanostee, compared to Arizona areas that are covered with snow.
 - Shiprock Fire Dept reported, they are in full swing of their operations. They'll also call us if they need our help.
 - S/T Washburn: NN Council Legislation is under review to provide emergency funding to the Chapters. However, every year, there is a threshold. If your Chapter has \$25,000.00 or more in their emergency account, they do not get additional funding. We currently sit at \$27,000.00 in our account.
Nelson Begaye: They should make it even, have even treatment all around.
S/T Washburn: It's how the setup has been. I know some Chapters have less and some who are over the threshold.
8. Navajo Gallup Waterline Project.
 - President Haskie: The handout provided to you, regarding the waterline project. Last month, there is a resolution submitted last year stating the water to be opened for farming and livestock. This letter states, its only for drinking water. It also says, the work will continue on and be completed in 2025.
 - Maps are located on the wall, in the meeting hall, where the pumping station and the lines are going to be.

3. Veterans Organization

Commander Billey reported.

- Veterans Director is still an issue. They are saying there is no transparency with the new administration. We do not know who it will be. Last we heard, there was 3 possibilities but right now we don't know who the Director is going to be.

4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe

Alonzo Cohoe reported.

- Had 2 tally counts and 1 homesite lease.
- FY 2023 is now, call me/text me to set a date for your tally count.

- Spring time: End of May into June: Do your vaccinations and herd health at least 2 months before taking them up the mountains. That's how long it takes for the medicine to work. Including insecticide tags. Important for Livestock, Range and Land Management, they are doing more checkups from Farm Service Agency. Do your quality assurance program as well.
- Glad to hear about the Weather tower, can help Grazing Permit holders, Farm plot holders. It's important for your Conservation plan, including your crop reports. All this information will affect farmers.
- Farming Committee is talking about getting back into farming. Getting resolutions out to Army Corp of Engineers, Branch of natural resources, Water development and can start dealing with those resources. Some of the diversion dams are gone, need to remake some ditches. We need to start utilizing funding resources from Farm Service Agency, USDA, NRCS, Soil and Water Conservation.
- Northern Agency did meet and we did get the \$900,000.00. Approval for a bulldozer to renovate earthen dams. Not sure how long that will take, so it will be 1 bulldozer for Northern Agency. We need to get to the top and get ours worked on.
- Equine Rescue- Horses without brands. Don't need a permit. There is payout for each head/ \$100 each. Stallions, even with brands, can be taken in too. They are only supposed to be out during breeding season. Let me know when you are out there. I can put down your information We probably have over 1,200 free roaming horses.
- Navajo Nation Livestock Management Incentive: Permit Holders. Online application, no hard copy applications. You need permit (proof of transfer is in process), tally count, ID/Drivers License, SS Card, CIB, and W9. Go to navajoaif.com. There will be outreach locations too. We will be doing one on the 28th of January from 10 am to 12 pm.
- Farm and Garden starts February 3rd. Don't worry about that one yet.
- New officers for Northern Agency
- Text me for Tally Count at 505-354-3028 and then I will call you.

5. Navajo Traditional Awareness, Nelson Begaye

Nelson Begaye reported.

- Two months ago, I brought this to our leadership about this. It's making progress now. This is a community concern, talking about the basic, fundamental, where we are coming from. About our grandparents, laying down of our corn pollen, our prayers. There are stories, songs, prayers to learn about.
- 30-50 years ago, there was many medicine people. We all knew about these traditional ceremonies back then that are our basis of life. It shook me that these are slowly going away.
- January 14th, we had a traditional awareness gathering. A large turnout. It gave us the motivation; we are on the right track. The feedback was positive. The audience wants to hear more stories next time. Hopefully can do that in the next two months. Beginning of winter, up to March, the equinox, that's our time to talk about certain things. We had a good discussion
- February 11th, we will have another meeting.
- Dine Medicine Man Association meeting was this morning in Upper Fruitland. I got some ideas on where they are at. They gave me some encouragement. We can sponsor their meeting is what I told them. Hopefully it will be this year. Dine Haatali Association is meeting this Sunday at Dine College. I am looking forward to learning something from them too.
- This will take a community involvement and leadership to do what we can this year.

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Kori Tso

Memberships vote 15 (13 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.

10) NEXT MEETING:

1. February 2023 Planning Meeting: 2/5/2023 @ 1 pm
2. February 2023 Regular Chapter Meeting: 2/19/2023 @ 1 pm

11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Navajo Nation Livestock Management Incentive/Grazing Permit Holders- Agriculture Incentive Fund APPLICATION DRIVE: Sanostee- January 28,2023 @ 10 am to 12 pm
2. Shoe Game, sponsored by Chapter- January 28,2023 @ 6 p.m.

Harrison Barber: When having these events, consider this, we need to have security for public safety and those living in this area.

12) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Harrison Barber

Second by Larry Jumbo

Memberships vote 15 in favor (13 in person and 2 online) in, 0 opposed and 1 abstained to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn:  on 01/23/2022.

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: _____

