

**Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter**  
**April Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**by Teleconference & In Person**  
**April 16, 2023**  
**1 p.m.**

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 1:15 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- 9 in person, at roll call
7. Teleconference Audience- 2 people, at roll call

**3) INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Vice President Henderson

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

President Haskie read agenda into record.

Motion by Larry Jumbo                      Second by Kori Tso

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Need to request some corrections on the agenda of the following.

1. On item B and C, fiscal year needs to be 2023.
2. On item G, need to add approving project application to resolution.

**Memberships vote 12 (12 in person and 0 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) to accept the agenda.**

**5) REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read minutes into the record.

Motion by Kori Tso                                      Second by Nellie Smith

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Need correction to the adjournment line, should say adjournment not accepting reports.

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

**6) GUEST SPEAKER. None.**

**7) OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**8) NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) **Resolution No. TAT-23-04-44. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023 WITH ATTACHMENT A & B.** *Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials*

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record. 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.

No Discussion.

Nelson Begaye: Would like to move Item H to the next item due to the guests here.

Motion by Harrison Barber                                      Second by Kori Tso

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

Motion by Nelson Begay for agenda change

Second by Kori Tso

**Memberships vote 14 (14 in person and 0 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to approve the agenda change and move up Item H next for action.**

**Resolution No. TAT-23-04-45. SUPPORTING RESOLUTION FOR TEP 345kV RIGHT OF WAY RENEWAL ON CHAPTER LANDS. Sponsor: Dinetahdoo Cultural Resources Management, LLC**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution and memo from organization.

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Amanda Sandoval

Betty Alexander: I am here with DCRM and Rena Martin is my boss. We also have Cheryl who is with Sonoran Land Resources. I am here to help with translation to those who do not understand the details Cheryl will be going through. Who do I need to help translate into Navajo? I'll sit by the one who raised their hand and explain it in Navajo.

Cheryl Eamick: Tucson Electric Power (TEP) has been operating for close to 50 years. There are two side by side towers that travel across your chapter. The Right of Way is 330-foot wide and runs about 102 miles along the Navajo Nation, within 14 Chapters. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter this week that we have met with and still have a long way to go. There will no new land required for this and no new ground disturbance. The lines are existing and providing electrical services today. The line starts in Tucson and ends in the San Juan power plants. The lines take electric that is generated from coal, gas, solar and other sources. It is used in central Tucson, also others such as APS, NTUA. They use that service homes in their territories. Slide # 4 is the map relation to your Chapter. TEP has completed the land, biological and cultural resources surveys for the ROW. The Fish and Wildlife has approved the Biological Assessment. Historic Preservation Department is reviewing the cultural report. Land Survey is also being reviewed by Minerals and BIA. TEP wants to operate these lines for the future because there is potential for renewable energy. Looking into cleaner energy sources. Slide # 8, talks about the benefit to the Navajo Nation. As the initial 25-year rental, estimate is \$34,947,968.00 to the Navajo Nation. It has not been determined if NN would like that in a lump sum or pay over time. TEP is prepared to pay in lump sum. There are two communication sites, if there are any problems, which is for operation and not commercial. There is a one-time educational scholarship for each Chapter that the lines do run through for \$ 5,000. We have been hearing from other Chapters about this one. There are allottees that will be compensated in the area, that the Navajo Nation is requesting. We are seeking your support and happy to answer any questions.

Nelson Begaye: Used to work for APS and retired in February last year. There are two transmission lines. Trying to think where this one is at. The intersection, one going to Las Vegas and another the other way.

Cheryl Eamick: If it has two side by side lines, on Slide # 2 and very last slide, you can see the lines. It's not the one to Las Vegas, you can see it on the highway.

Harrison Barber: The one that runs across Chaco wash, this one goes to California. *Drew map on whiteboard.*

Requesting from community to renew the right of way, for the next 35 years?

Cheryl Eamick: 25 years.

Nelson Begaye: Right now, San Juan Power plant is shut down and the APS will be next. What's going to happen once that shuts down?

Cheryl Eamick: The future of coal is uncertain, so I can't answer that. The power can still carry power from something other than coal. It could be a different fuel source. They realize the benefit for the community. These lines can carry the power needed. We don't know the future of electricity.

Nelson Begaye: Line supplies both ways?

Cheryl Eamick: Yes, runs north and south. It's part of the whole western electric grid and power is routed everywhere. It is a critical infrastructure for power.

Nelson Begaye: Support from each Chapter and then to Window Rock? So, this scholarship, it's more than \$5,000 to go to school. Should negotiate on that.

Cheryl Eamick: Yes, you are the third Chapter to indicate that and it will be brought back to Tucson Electric Power and Window Rock, to see how they want to address that.

Timothy Bedah: The Chapter would see that; how would we know that? It goes to Window Rock and we don't see that.

Cheryl Eamick: TEP is going to require in the agreement, that the Chapter have a certain amount earmarked.

Timothy Bedah: Window Rock makes money and it doesn't come to the Chapter.

Cheryl Eamick: It will be in the agreement.

Kori Tso: The rental fee, is that a one time?

Cheryl Eamick: TEP is meeting with B & F and they are determining if it will be paid in lump sum or increments. TEP would prefer in lump sum.

Kori Tso: It's for the 25 years?

Cheryl Eamick: Correct.

Christine Benally: The lines go South of the APS plant. It doesn't cross 491. That's the one they are talking about. A lot of those people along those lines, they still have no power. Even their water. All these years, they don't have power. I remember, when they running those lines, they were told they would get electric. Those very people don't have that still. \$5,000 is nothing! We are just being told this and that. They said this and request it, but it needs to be in writing first! Do those people even know, I am sure my aunt Helen doesn't know. The lines go by her place. Anyways, it's the same old lies. When those people request electricity, they are told you live way out there. Yet there is a power plant out there. It's not right. If they are working with the Navajo Nation, that means we are totally out of the picture. The Navajo Government is the one getting this money and the Chapter is part of the government. How is the \$5,000 going to be used? Anyway, I think you need to talk to those people. Do they have consent? Does Helen know exactly what is going on here? I don't think so. I think this resolution should be tabled until those elders are aware of this.

**Substitution Motion to table by Christine Benally Second by Tommy Nakai**

Christine Benally: Elouise said she's trying to talk.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Elouise has my number; she can text me if she needs to.

**Memberships vote to table the resolution is 4 (1 in person and 3 online) in favor, 12 (12 in person and 0 online) opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained.**

***Substitute motion fails. Back to original motion and discussion re-opens.***

Lee Jack Sr: I work with these individuals here. This land approval was done way back in the day. Tucson Electric works with NTUA. Then it goes into our homes. They are asking for a 25-year lease approval. There are already those who have approved this before, we are here to just support this renewal of the lease.

Nelson Begaye: Thank you to our visitors. I am confused about the map. Earlier, I asked, the two existing lines. Harrison drew a map. The map shows differently, am I looking at the right thing? It's the purple line on the map?

Cheryl Eamick: On page 4, Chapter boundary in yellow. The purple line is the line. It's the one with two lines, side by side.

Nelson Begaye: I am not familiar with that line off the sub-station. Okay, just wanted to clarify that. I was thinking about the one on the south side. Thank you for the clarification.

Elouise Brown: I don't know who is there. I can't hear because of the static noise. I don't know what you guys are talking about. I heard Christine say, there are people out there with no electricity or running water. That's me! Just the ones by the Chapter have that luxury. I am very curious about what you guys are talking about. Can someone summarize what you are talking about?

*President Haskie explained Tucson Electric Power Companies purpose of the resolution. Requesting renewal of the existing power line. The company will not be running electrical lines to the homes. It's a renewal for another 25 years. We went through a substitute motion, which was defeated and now we are back on the main motion and voting.*

Elouise Brown: You need to quit randomly approving stuff. I keep saying that. There is probably only a few of you there. You guys are saying there is only 5 of us online. I still want to make another motion to table this. I know who Tucson Electric is and I would rather have a lot of people there to vote on this. You guys can just approve stuff like this with the little people there. It's just not right!

President Haskie: You are voicing your concern. It would be better if you were here in person to the Chapter during these meetings and talk about these. Come over here and vote. That's how it needs to be done. Through the phone is not okay. I would like to call for the vote.

Elouise Brown: There are a lot of us out there helping the community and it doesn't help if there are just a few votes. That's not strong enough. That's what causes us trouble. Don't do this. People don't want to come to the meetings. These are important issues and it needs to be more than who is there and those online. Move it to next meeting and maybe we can get more people there.

Harrison Barber: I am from Sanostee community. My cousin, you talk about doing things properly. I don't think you know what that actually means, personally. These are for our people and good things for our people but yet you are always standing in objection in front of it. This transmission line passed way back. That's when the Right of Way was given away. The permit holders signed it off. Those saying they were going to get electric, its common sense, you cannot connect to high voltage to your home. It has to go to a power house for reducing and then distributed to the residents. NTUA is the one working with the Tucson Electric. You can't hook up directly to it, that's dangerous. It already happened 25 years ago, the Navajo Nation already accepted it, we should approve it as well. Eastern Agency has their own allotment. Here, the allotment doesn't apply to us because we have open grazing. This is a benefit for the Navajo Nation. You were previous officials; you should know the process. You keep wanting things done properly, but yet all you do is stand in front of good things for the people. That's my personal opinion and I will stop there.

Elouise Brown: This is totally totally wrong! I vote against this whole thing and of course we will be appealing your decision. This is not right. I hope you can hear me.

**Memberships vote 13 (13 in person and 0 online) in favor, 5 (5 online) opposed and 2 (1 in person and 1 online) abstained to accept the resolution.**

Elouise Brown: Forward the resolution to me.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: It was sent 2 days ago in your email.

Elouise Brown: The signed copy.

- (b) Resolution No. TAT-23-04-46. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 "SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-INTERNAL-TAX SALES" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 49,814.00. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution and Navajo Nation budget forms into record.

Motion by Gerald Henderson

Second by Rannitta Henderson

No discussion presented.

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

- (c) Resolution No. TAT-23-04-47. ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 "UNHEALTHY FOOD TAX" BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 14,314.00. Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution and Navajo Nation budget forms into record.  
Motion by Rannitta Henderson Second by Kori Tso  
No discussion presented.  
**Memberships vote 14 (14 in person and 0 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- (d) **Resolution No. TAT-23-04-48.** AN ACT ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIP OF MR. LARRY JUMBO TO THE TSE ALNAOZTI'I CHAPTER AUTHORIZED LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ALERT). *Sponsor: ALERT Team Leader*  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.  
Motion by Amanda Sandoval Second by Rannitta Henderson  
Larry Jumbo: Interested in becoming a member of the team. I have my First aid, defensive driving training and getting more response training. I want to help people out. Even those who get stuck in the mud. I want to help and mentioned it to Gerald. So, I put my letter in to become a member and look forward to helping the people. We are having another training from the Fire Department on the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
President Haskie: We need more people who want to help like that.  
**Memberships vote 16 (15 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

- (e) **Resolution No. TAT-23-04-49.** AN ACT REQUESTING IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION FROM THE NAVAJO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGARDING THE HIGH VOLUME OF ILLEGAL TRASH DUMPING. *Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials*  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.  
Motion by Larry Jumbo Second by Rannitta Henderson  
Kori Tso: Want to make sure its increase on the resolution.  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, increase not decrease.  
**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-23-04-50.** SUPPORTING RESOLUTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION FOR THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023. *Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials*  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.  
Motion by Kori Tso Second by Larry Jumbo  
Kristin Simo: I teach at Newcomb Middle School. Teaching with Central for 25 years. Newcomb is my home. I wanted to make a request because I think it's important for student employment. Early experience is important. I'd like to invite someone to my class, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to talk about employment. Working on a transition plan, called next step plan. I would like to hear it directly from their Chapter.  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The council's legislation has an additional \$21,000 to Sanostee Chapter. It can also be used during Winter and Spring Break. Council will be discussing this legislation next week during the Spring Session.  
Rannitta Henderson: Where it says Therefore, on the bottom of # 1, for recurring Chapter expense. What are they talking about when they say that?  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We could ask Delegate Crotty? Could you answer that Delegate Crotty? This resolution template came from Council, so I don't have an answer from here.  
**Memberships vote 17 (15 in person and 2 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to accept the resolution.**

**(g) Resolution No. TAT-23-04-51.** APPROVING THE USAGE OF THE CHAPTER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS AND APPROVING THE PROJECT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 36,255.59 TO ADVERTISE, ACCEPT APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEW AND HIRE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2023. *Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials*  
Secretary/Treasurer Washburn read resolution into record.

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Amanda Sandoval

Nelson Begaye: Some of our kids it could be by relation, nephews or nieces in the distance. They live out there, like Albq or Phoenix. Are they eligible for this? They are from here. They could get a job with the Chapter. Some live out there and have time during the summer. I think they should still qualify for this. We all need money. That would be good and even for equal treatment. Is there a way that can be done?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The program is already set up for that format, if the individual does not live in Sanostee, their parent must be a registered voter, the funds are available to the family. There were quite a few students this past summer like that and stayed with their grandparents for the two weeks they worked here. The other option, if they cannot come out here, they have an alternative worksite agreement. If they want to work out there, we can work with that company with the Navajo Nation agreement for liability and insurance. They do have to be in school and provide proof. Must be in good standing. They do submit their grades. The application and their waiver for parent, if they are under 18. Yes, it is available to those who do not reside here but are voters.

Lindsey Benally: Are you going to implement the same strategy of hiring them for each wave? I know last time there was 3. Second question, does that apply to Navajo Nation departments? I am not sure if they have the money to train. I know some students are interested in other jobs like with other Navajo entities.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We did have four cycles. With this funding, it will only be 2 cycles. The parent's concern was the rate of pay, it was not enough. We did increase by the allowable 2 %, so High School will be at \$8.84 and College will be at \$ 9.36 and the College supervisor at \$10.40. There will be 18 students per cycle, with two cycles. We can do the alternative work agreement with the department, only if they want to take on a student. We are open to placing them at different departments. They can choose that option on the application.

Timothy Bedah: What if they have a job and take time off for this one?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yes, they can.

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

## 9) REPORT(S):

a) **Council Delegate, Amber K. Crotty-** Delegate Crotty sent report, 20 minutes prior to her report. *Will attach to the minutes.* Showing on teleconference line but did not answer when called upon for report.

### b) Chapter Business Update

President Haskie reported:

- Chapter Coordinator: Interviewed 2 of them. Chose one and they are still waiting on their background check. Dexter Begay is from Beclabito and will be working with us hopefully soon.
- Twin Arrows Training: There was a training, on the Chapter coordinator and AMS, for the 65 non certified chapters. We were one of them. The Chapter administration coverage and supervision was clarified. We currently don't have a CSC or AMS.

From the Council, Division of Community Development and the agency office we were advised, the Chapter Officials are to oversee and supervise the coordinator. Between the three officials, we select the supervisor. They went through the full responsibilities on being the supervisor. Then under the CSC are the ones who supervise the PEP workers. They wanted us to make sure we chose one of the officials to supervise the CSC and between all three of us, we chose Jourdan. She is very well aware of the requirements of the administration office. She knows the financial portion of it all. She will work well with the new coordinator.

- Irrigation Update: There were a lot of people wanting work to be done to the irrigation canals. They came to the Chapter; we worked it out and went out to the area. We worked with them and got it going for them. There are a few from Littlewater and we have yet to meet with them in person because it's always just through the phone. We went out there to check the area out. The grader did go out there and it almost got stuck. That's not a good equipment to have down there. They said the backhoe might work and ours currently is down for mechanic work. Waiting on them to come out and they are backed up already. We also contacted NTEC. They told us one equipment will not work. The damage is as high as this ceiling. It wasn't that high before. We have to bring the water up and we don't have the equipment. NTEC is willing to do it but they need more equipment. The people who want this done, they aren't there and aren't there when we discuss this.

Vice President Henderson: The diversion dam, was done a long time ago. The concrete wall is completely gone and is further down the wash. I talked with Charlie and we went out there. We asked, how can we build it up? I asked him, what his recommendation would be. He said you'll need different and stronger equipment to work on the damage that was done and rebuilding will take a lot of time and work to repair it. We even thought of coming from the West side, but there is a big drop there too. We contacted other resources but they also said it's a lot of work. We are doing what we can and all we are getting is words thrown back at us about it. Its an equipment issue and we don't have the means to do it. We are trying to find a solution.

Nelson Begaye: At first, we didn't know how much water we would be getting this year. It hasn't been much in the past couple years. My recommendation, due to the climate change, I think it's going to change. For the future, they all need to get together and start making preparations for the upcoming year. There might be more water coming down. My people, we need to do that.

President Haskie: We do get comments made on Facebook about the Chapter not helping, where are these people that do that. It doesn't happen that way, you need to be here and be involved.

Secretary/Treasurer reported.

- ARPA Housing: Information given to the Chapters from the Housing Program to provide 10 names and submit their application and documents to their program. We looked at the criteria and it was ARPA/COVID mitigation. To prevent the spread of COVID. The criteria were Homelessness, Burnouts, Overcrowding and Medical/High Risk. We worked with the Senior Center, CHR, ALERT Team, CLUP Committee and Road Committee. We reached out to those who fit under that criteria and advised them to get their documents in. The one requirement was the homesite lease. A lot of them did not have a homesite lease. They aren't being considered. Some are working on the homesite lease and have submitted it. Those were acceptable per the housing guidelines. It's not a full home, it's a modular home. There were 13 submitted. Last Monday, the housing assessment guy came to Sanostee.

Gerald took him to the North side, where there are 3 applicants there. 2 of them have no existing home with complete home site leases and 1 has a dilapidated home with a homesite lease. The west side of Sanostee, there are 2 applications. 1 with no existing home with a homesite lease and 1 that has a dilapidated home with a homesite lease. The South side of Sanostee, there is 1 applicant with no existing home with a homesite lease in process. One burnout home near ghost water with a homesite lease. One by the Day school with no existing home with a homesite lease. Two in the Littlewater area, one has dilapidated home and the final one is a home with boards as their wall, and both have homesite leases. Those were the 10 that made the evaluation. They were not guaranteeing that each will get it because they still have to continue through the full assessment. Us, officials, do not make the qualifications or decide who gets these homes. All we did submit as many names as we could, then they take it from there. All we did was take them around to the homes, so they can see the area and land area. We did get an additional three applicants that are on stand-by in case one of these ten does not go through the evaluation. We also did get word last week; that under the regular housing program, that takes 2 or 3 years, they are awarding three homes in Sanostee that they went through the process. They'll be getting their homes demolished and get those modular homes. That is another program for anyone to apply, whether its renovation or a new home. We do have those applications at the Chapter and the deadline is in September.

Timothy Bedah: Community trash pickup? Or did no one mention it? Maybe set a date and let us know. There are people here from all directions that could get together on this. I am a concerned community member, a voter and apart of TVO. We need to do this for our community. It's disappointing to see graffiti on the new bridge too but it's nice to be able to cross now. I am sure those who are planting, there is trash affecting them too.

Lindsey Benally: This is regarding the ARPA- Home Improvement Program. Since there was a lot of chaos with the different chapters with getting that memo. I, myself, had to call Community Development. I asked questions about the homesite and if it was necessary for them to apply. I talked to Patrick Delgai. He said no. I don't know if you got that in writing that they had to have a homesite. That alleviated a lot of problems because not only did our Chapter and community have questions. Another thing he mentioned, the Chapters should have all been invited via ZOOM to the meetings regarding this funding. I am not sure how much knowledge was given out to prepare ourselves for it because he said, it would have been nice if they had homesites but not everyone is not going to get modular homes. I kept trying to call the Chapter too, during that week. They said from Monday to Wednesday they said the internet was down. That was a concern, there was no one there knowledgeable and couldn't answer my questions. I don't know who the one person is that is responsible for getting these types of questions that need to be answered, like I had. Maybe its Jourdan or Jeanne. I don't know if you can coordinate more with me, so I can help the community better.

President Haskie: Thank you for your comment. From here, we will talk more about what you brought up.

**c) Veterans Organization**

Commander Billey reported.

- We met yesterday because our Chapter meeting was today. They mentioned to have TVO meeting at 2 pm and the person can attend all three meetings in one day. This will probably happen in July again, with schedule conflict on Sundays.



- Vietnam Memorial- March 29<sup>th</sup>. Participated in the horse back ride. I was running late and ended up towards the end. There was a large number of attendees. There were 2 tents set up, with food and other stuff. Someone took a picture of the horseback riders and was in the Navajo Times. I was the one carrying the large flag.
- Lost a Vietnam Veteran, Ernest BigThumb, two weeks ago. I went to the family gathering. They had the funeral in Gallup and the burial was in SantaFe at the National Cemetery. He went to Vietnam and received a purple heart. He did not have any family and was placed in different homes off the reservation. I think loneliness was what took him from us. They are trying to get Veterans home in Chinle, that would be nice and they would still have that feeling of being home.
- I lost to table the Tucson Power plant; I disagree with the \$5,000 to Window Rock. It doesn't actually come to the Chapter. We didn't get any of that emergency money for the flooding. We didn't get any, no one get help, especially when the roads were all damaged.
- I lost on that Helium too, the 1.2 million because of the protestors. I was for that because we need a Chapter and Veterans building. That's where we could have used that money.

Nelson Begaye: Would like to thank Mr. Jumbo for putting up the flag for today's meeting. You know we are going to take care of business. The last meeting, we had, for veteran's report, we talked about the Vietnam Veterans event. I got there late on Wednesday for the event. I talked to some people there and they said everything was going well. Next, I'd like to say, the event was put together by the Northern Veterans Organization, a 5013c organization. It's support from the 19 chapters. Sanostee community, the ALERT team was there to help and we also had our workers there. It felt good that they were there. The traditional awareness will continue on to next year and will be there to help those in need.

**d) Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe**

Alonzo Cohoe reported.

- 5 tally counts this month. Last year, we were mostly done with them by now. If you didn't have horses, we used to use the 5 sheep units for each horse. We used to add them on. Lately, we haven't been doing that and told not to use sheep units for other livestock. Those corrections should be done. Every year do your tally counts and that's how money is allocated and given out. They use those for drought and emergency details. This year they didn't do emergency. The agriculture infrastructure fund, you have to qualify for it. People are asking for their check. Some from last year are still being processed. It's not a priority for Chapter, because that is Phase 4. The first three are for the people themselves.
- Land Use Permits, need to identify those. There were maps but no idea where they might be. Those need to be completed, so we can have copies to the Farm Committee and see if we can get some numbers. Those are called miscellaneous farms. It'll be good to attend local Farm Board meetings and represent our community. They do have access to fundings at times. Even with the Littlewater dam, that's going to be a lot of work to move the dirt around. That's going to be a \$100,000 job. You need a dozer for that too. The grazing committee, they will be getting a dozer to work on those earthen dams. I am not sure where that's currently at. Maybe next year, they will have it out here. We still have 20 Chapters to work with on that equipment. We are supposed to be working NTEC on those dams. They have worked on 3 or 4 and most are still in better condition. Hopefully with all this water coming down, we may need to work on more. We need to think about doing this work before the water starts running.

- Horse round has not been scheduled here in Sanostee. It was in April but haven't heard anything yet. Once I know, we will put up the 10-day notice to the community. There are a lot of livestock in bad conditions with the little vegetation coming in. There is not a lot for them to eat. Even though there were a lot of horses rounded up in Tocito, there are more coming out.

Lindsey Benally: The 5 sheep units, is that from Dept of Ag or BIA Natural Resource?

Alonzo Cohoe: It's from both sides. That determination was together. They said our tally counts are not coming out right because counting sheep units. They told us not to count them horses under sheep units. Go to BIA and ask to transfer that sheep units into other livestock. They are trying eliminate the horses out on the range because they do eat a lot.

Lindsey Benally: Those topo maps are really outdated and I used GIS and made maps. I can help update those with you for our community. I'll get with you.

Alonzo Cohoe: Thank you for that. We also have that uranium- AML to get some maps for me too. That includes the water wells and earthen dams. We'll be using that one as well. They did find the original 1937 map with the original sheep units and range assessments with names on it and need to post it for people to see.

- There were 7 Homesite Leases clearances done and still have three more to schedule this coming week. Usually the older folks, that already have homes before 1980, those are easier to do the paperwork. It's overwhelming for them and they need help, but I am working with them.
- Vaccinate your animals. Some are dying and we don't know why, possible the noxious weeds. Especially before heading up the mountain, so they are set before being exposed to diseases in those grass lands. It's best to take your animals up in June, not in May. Most use the 4-wheelers anyways but bring them back down if they go up sooner. Let the grass grow first, that'll be good for all the livestock.

Nelson Begaye: Heard on the radio about a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, concerning the grazing permit.

Alonzo Cohoe: I wasn't aware of that meeting and someone sent that to me. It is not from the Grazing Committee. I saw it was about transfers and we were concerned what it was. It's probably information of those who went through the probate process. The last time they gave out any probate or transfers, was in 2014. They came out with a contract with BIA and Navajo Nation, then gave to Fish & Wildlife to do adjustments on those grazing permits. Example: In Naschitti, one permit had 40 sheep units, with all the years of over use, they made an adjustment. They recommended BIA to re-issue permit to 7 sheep units. That's what we are looking at out here. BIA does not issue any permits for more than 10 sheep units. So that person, lost their permit. Some work on it and keep their numbers low and even adjusted. They got to keep their permits intact. I don't know how Sanostee is going to go and it's best to reduce now. Let the grass come back up. There was an assessment at one point and what kind of condition we were in and asked, how many sheep can we have out here? It was said, zero. You cannot have any sheep out here for 5 years and the vegetation will improve. We all know nobody will give up their sheep all at one time. Some have on their own decided they aren't going to have any sheep but still get their tally counts down. As long as we know where those permits are. We have all these other permits that need is under quiet title. 4 years since the person has been gone. All we can do is tell them. BIA is saying, cancel them. We are getting those names together. There are some permits we have no idea what happened to them. It's harsh to talk about their lively hood but they need to fix those. This meeting, from what I was told, is Christine Benally. I am not sure but it's a question you could ask them. I am sure we can all go and see if there is a solution.

Nelson Begaye: It's in Shiprock?

Alonzo Cohoe: No, at Mesa View Baptist Church. Right up here on the hill.

**e) Navajo Traditional Awareness, Nelson Begaye**

Nelson Begaye reported.

- Thank you for all those who worked with me on this awareness. Would like to get a committee going for this awareness in the community, to make sure we are all on the same page. The Dine Haatali Association, attended two of their meetings so far. It's important to know how our medicine people are here. At one time apprenticeship was mentioned and they are talking about that now. I would like for them to host one of their regular meetings here. To listen, observe and see what they talk about for our benefit. I had already mentioned it to them before. Even mentioned, maybe the mountain roads can be used to come this direction. I am looking forward to the support of the community and our leaders to have their meeting here.
- Announcement: 4/28/2023- Window Rock Sports Center- Veterans and Public Gathering on protecting our sacred Peyote Summit. This is speaking on behalf of the Council of Peyote way of Life Coalition. We do have meetings to discuss these. There was a meeting here in February as well. This is our medicine and used during our ceremonial times. This is very important to our people. Main strategy is to oppose decriminalization. I mentioned Veterans, all 5 agencies representatives will be there. There is talk about making this medicine into pills and target Veterans who are suffering with PTSD.

Lindsey Benally: Is your job volunteer or were appointed by the Chapter? Second, the Dine Haatali- Avery Denny is separate from Medicine Man Association. I know there are three organizations, is that the name, Haataali Medicine Association or is it Dine Medicine Association? If you could clarify that for me.

Nelson Begaye: I am affiliated with the coalition, Peyote way of Life Coalition. I am a volunteer and apart of the North American NAC. I stepped out of my organization to do this. I couldn't stand back and just watch this happen. We have been talking with Dine Haatali- Avery Denny and his officers. Then the Dine Medicine Man- Liam Green and his officers. We are getting their support. Avery Denny is going to be a speaker for Friday's event. All 5 agencies will be in attendance at that meeting and helping us out.

Motion by Larry Jumbo

Second by Amanda Sandoval

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

**10) NEXT MEETING:**

1. May 2023 Planning Meeting: 5/7/2023 @ 1 pm
2. May 2023 Regular Chapter Meeting: 5/21/2023 @ 1 pm

**11) CONCLUSION OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Secretary/ Treasurer announced.**

1. Trash Pickup: The trash, we usually do a weekend in April and provide all the items for pickup. It will be a weekend in May. There will be trash bins available, possibly three bins for the weekend. We will not be doing any tires. Just the household trash.
2. Mother's Day Event: If any one would like to collaborate with the Chapter, we would like to do a celebration and also a Father's Day in June.
3. Memorial Day: This was brought up by an individual who is with TVO, they want to do an event in collaboration with the Chapter. We are looking for those interested in bringing in their ideas and bringing together this event. Come see the Chapter.

Timothy Bedah: The memorial event, is that separate from TVO?

Vice-President Henderson: No separation.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: We want to work together, so no separation.

Timothy Bedah: Veterans already have their event during that day.

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: Yeah, they usually have burritos, flag raising and folding. We would like to add to that and do that as one, possibly an all-day event.

Nelson Begaye: We had our TVO meeting yesterday and discussed this. The floor was opened up and discussed. I have been thinking about this. The late Cecelia, it was tough what happened to her. It was a total tragedy. To dedicate her life and present our appreciation to this community, for me, I think they deserve something like that for healing all around. We all felt this. It almost seemed to much for them to come together. What I got, the community wants to do one thing and then TVO do their own thing. Nevertheless, we can make it happen. It can be something small and simple. Even a plaque to the family to show our appreciation of her service to the community.

Delegate Crotty: For the record, I apologize, when my report time was up, Red Valley is also having their meeting. I did submit my report, via email, if you could accept that into the record.

President Haskie: We did inform the people; they will have that report on the minutes.

Vice President Henderson announced.

4. One of our community members, Harrison Yazzie, he lost his son. They are really needing monetary help. I talked with him and told him, have a donation meeting at the Chapter so the people can come help. His son lived in Silver City. We would appreciate it if they could get some support. You can also go to their home to bring in donations. Regarding what Nelson said, it is true about our community member, Cecelia. We helped bringing her back home. It is something I also have been thinking about and how we can honor her. TVO is a standing committee to the Chapter. It seems like some are going the other direction. We all need to work together. They are a subcommittee under the Chapter, let's work together.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harrison Barber

Second by Timothy Bedah

**Memberships vote 11 (10 in person and 1 online) in favor, 0 opposed and 1 (1 in person) abstained to adjourn the meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.**

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn:  on 04/18/2023.

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