

Tse Alnaozti'i' Chapter
April Planning Meeting
In Person and by Teleconference
April 2, 2023
1 p.m.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order @ 1:01 p.m.

II. 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- 4 in person
7. Teleconference Audience- 1 online

III. INVOCATION

Invocation given by Vice President Henderson

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

President Haskie reviewed and read the agenda into record.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MARCH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

VI. GUEST SPEAKER(S). None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolution for Financial Report for March 2023. **Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**
- b) Resolution approving Sales Tax Budget FY 23 in the amount of \$ 49,814.00. **Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**
- c) Resolution approving the Unhealthy Food Tax Budget FY 23 in the amount of \$ 14,314.00. **Sponsor: Chapter Staff & Officials**

Secretary/ Treasurer Washburn placed each budget amount for item B and item C.

Vice-President Henderson placed two items on the agenda, item D and item E.

- d) **ADD ON:** Resolution approving new membership for Mr. Larry Jumbo for the ALERT/CERT Team
- e) **ADD ON:** Resolution requesting assistance from Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency regarding illegal trash dumping

David Yazzie: Request for irrigation clean out. When will the irrigation canals be cleaned out?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: The irrigation clean out is already being worked on and we can give you an update on that. We are working with NTEC Helium to do the clean out. Waiting on the utility lines to be marked because there is a water line and fiber line there. There was the Lee's who paid for 6 hours for the irrigation line to be cleaned out. Our operator is working on that request. If you do want it done immediately, you can pay for that.

David Yazzie: All the way up to here? When?

Secretary/Treasurer Washburn: As soon as the utility lines are cleared.

David Yazzie: How long are we going to have to wait?

President Haskie: We can check with NTUA tomorrow. I know the water is running and we are in a rush. We are working with NTEC to get some of it done. I believe our operator can do the other parts.

David Yazzie: Is someone going to be out there tomorrow?

President Haskie: No, not tomorrow.

Vice-President Henderson: Herbert is working on the work order that Helen Lee paid for. Waiting on NTUA to clear it and then NTEC will go in. I don't know how long Helen's paid work order will take, but he is busy on that one right now. I don't think he will tackle the diversion dam tomorrow.

David Yazzie: Do I have to pay for it?

President Haskie: If you want it done right away, just like these guys did, then yes you can.

David Yazzie: How much an hour?

President Haskie: \$40/hour. If people pitch in, you can do that too.

Christine Benally: San Juan County, Ben Henry, said they can request for the equipment. Have you reached out to them yet? That was about two months ago from the Farm Meeting. You can request and they'll bring it out there. Maybe David can call over there and he can bring it out.

President Haskie: We can call and find out. Last time I heard, there was a long line of those who were waiting.

I. REPORT(S):

1. Council Delegate, Amber Crotty
2. Chapter Business Update
3. Veterans Organization
4. Grazing Official, Alonzo Cohoe
5. Community Health Rep, Berlinda Dickson
6. **ADD ON:** Nelson Begaye would like to be placed on the chapter meeting for the Sanostee Navajo Traditional Awareness. I'd like to call for chapter leadership and community leadership support to host the next month of May 2023, the Dine Haatali Association in May for their monthly meeting. Just to get ready and host the meeting here in May.

Vice-President: Just so you know the 12th and 13th are not open because of a Big Foot Conference.

Nelson Begaye: They usually have their meeting on the 3rd or 4th weekend of the month. Once we get the support, we can start planning for it.

Leo Billey: I'd like to put the 110 delegates resolution on there.

President Haskie: That was already approved and passed. That was in January it was approved. If you want a copy of the resolution, ask Jourdan for one.

Timothy Bedah: Just a question. People have been calling me about the cell tower in your back yard. Could you give me an update on where it will be. That way I know, since I wasn't here at the last meeting. Just to reassure me on it.

President Haskie: Alonzo can over that with you.

Christine Benally: I want information on the Energy topic with the Council. What is the work being done and who was put in? Did the people approve that?

Delegate Amber Crotty: Yeah, are we done on the resolutions?

President Haskie: Yes, we are done. You can answer that.

Delegate Amber Crotty: There was a resolution by Navajo Nation Council that was publicly posted. There were no comments submitted on it. I can provide an update on that legislation. It was a memorandum of understanding, former President signed this with Department of Energy. In the four corners are apart of the inner agency group on coal and power plant communities and economic revitalization. We've been selected because San Juan power plant, their contract is set to expire 2031. There have been 12 agencies involved in this taskforce. We looked at the history of energy and economic development on the Navajo Nation.

Looking at what is going to be the future, from 2035, what is going to be our Economic future for our government. It's called the Four Corners Rapid Response Team. Addition to the federal agencies, we are working with one of the national laboratories and Navajo Technical University. The Navajo enterprises are also involved in this group. The NN Council, there will be 10 delegates out of the 24 involved. We did meet last week with the Department of Energy and there is a Navajo woman who is leading the US Department of Energy- Indian Energy Office, Wakayla John and she is from Forest Lake/Black Mesa area. Her team has the resources and facilitates to help NN develop recommendations. We have 180 days from when it was signed and it was signed in December. We are halfway there, so by May 31st we need to send our recommendations to the Department of Interior. It's a large initiative with a short time frame. Who is leading this team? It is the Minerals Department Manager and identified in the MOU. Also, Jermaine Simonson, from Pinon area. The Rapid Response Team will be building foundational plans for economic diversification, different economies, just not coal and the added value market. Looking at the workers that are needed and community issues related to energy transition. Establish a network that is focused on sustainable for the community and region driven by local needs supported by federal, state and tribal resources. In our area, we have non-profit groups. We are working with Joseph Hernandez and he has been selected as the Energy Transition Community Coordinator. He was on our meeting last week when we discussed workers displacement. He will be providing additional information when they are meeting with community members and suggestions. I'll add this summary to the Chapter report for the community.

Christine Benally: I know there were funds put aside from Federal to State. State has put out a funding request. Those are available for the communities/farmers/ranchers. Is the tribe asking for some of that money and if they are, how much of that is coming to the people so the people can see that money and not disappear in Window Rock.

Delegate Amber Crotty: I believe this question is related to the New Mexico Energy Transition Act. The Act did allocate funding for the community, approximately 14 million dollars. 12 million for job placement who will be let go from the Four Corners Power Plant, they are providing re-employment or training. Not just for the miners but their spouses and children, who may have relied on the individual who worked at the mine. San Juan College has a career center and individuals can receive services through that center for some of the workforce. In addition, there is funding for projects, impacted projects. There are three conveners for this funding. One is Glo Jean Todacheenie. I would ask that we get an update from her at our next chapter meeting. She can give us an update on the projects that have been submitted. Those are on the impacted community projects. One is a project for agriculture but it was by Mr. Chili Yazzie from Shiprock. It's not clear if he identified Sanostee in there. We have not been able to see the proposal, just titles and amounts they are requesting. My understanding, there has not been a Navajo Nation program that has submitted a request, so the question, how much would come to the farmers? Since there was no request, there would be no direct funding at this point that a program has worked with farmers to request. We can provide the different projects that have been submitted and Ms. Glo Jean would be the best to answer any additional questions. We will be working with Indian Affairs Department; they had received under 2 million dollars. So, it's not clear how they move forward to assist the community with this transition. They are in the formal process to submit proposals. That deadline was Fall of 2021. Now they are going to start selecting the projects. We are waiting for the Governor's office to sign a bill to help expedite some of this funding.

Christine Benally: Can we invite Chili Yazzie too?

Delegate Crotty: About those proposals. It's up to the community. That's the only agriculture proposal I can recall off the list.

Christine Benally: The other energy plan, in addition to Joseph, anybody else represented on the committee from the community, from the people, not the government.

Delegate Crotty: The delegates are elected by the people, so there is opportunity for individuals who are interested. At the Northern Agency, there were individuals there about Hydrogen. They did want to have a follow up meeting on that on their issues.

Christine Benally: I think people need to know that the different types of Hydrogen.

Delegate Crotty: I don't think they presented at Northern Agency but they were there with information.

Christine Benally: I think that should be a part of the education.

Delegate Crotty: Is that a request to add to the agenda?

Christine Benally: I think that needs to be a separate community meeting. If you put it in the chapter meeting, it's going to take forever. It's going to take too much time.

Delegate Crotty: I can work with Mr. Hernandez and the Chapter of when and the location.

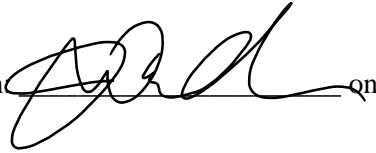
IX. NEXT MEETING:

1. May 2023 Planning Meeting: 05/07/2023 @ 1 pm.
2. May 2023 Chapter Meeting: 05/21/2023 @ 1pm.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by President Haskie

Submitted by: Secretary/ Treasurer Jourdan Washburn  on
4/2/2023.

Chapter Administration Rec'vd: _____