

Tse'ii'ahi' (Standing Rock) Chapter

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – August 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by Velvet Kalleco, Chapter Vice-President at 6:28 p.m. Followed by Invocation by Velvet Kalleco, Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Vice President

II. Reading and Adopting the Agenda – Read into record by Alva R. Tom, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Amendment to Agenda:

1. Under New Business, TSEII.0825.0801 was deferred to September Regular Meeting, sponsor, Mr. Jimson Joe indicated, Agency Senior Advisory Council has not meet.
2. Under New Business, add; TSEII.0825.0802 – July 2025 Revenue Report
3. Under New Business, add; TSEII.0825.0803 – August 2025 Revenue Report
4. Announcements, added three (3) community events

Motion by: Brenda Lee

Second by: Omar Kalleco

Vote: 22/00/01

III. Reading and adopting the July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes, read into record by Alva R. Tom, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by: Clinton Jim

Second by: Danny Henry

Vote: 18/00/02

IV. Financial Report – Alva R. Tom, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Read into record

Reporting Attached to Minutes: July's Month ending 2025

1. Standing Rock Chapter – Balance Sheet – Detail Combining Balance Sheet as of 7/31/2025
2. Standing Rock Chapter – Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from 7/1/2025 –7/31/2025
3. Standing Rock Chapter – Detail Budget/Actual Transactions from 10/1/2024 – 7/31/2025 (*none*)

Provided an overview of the Total Balance Sheet for each Account as of July 31, 2025, \$81,961.27 And Revenue Received for July's month ending was \$13,912.90 and Expenditures was \$45,241.76. The Detail Budget/Actual Transactions Balance was not provided.

Motion by: Brenda Lee

Second by: Alta Rose Billy

Vote: 20/00/03

V. Presenters:

a. Sheila Nez, Principal, Tse'ii'ahi' Community School

Sheila Nez – Introduce herself in Navajo and I'm from Haystack, NM and drive in from there every morning.

- I have only one bus driver, so I assist with driving the bus to Coyote Canyon, I leave at 6:15 or 6:20 in the morning. And pick up seven students. And we have 55 students here and my fourth school year. I came in school year 2022-2023. Before that, I was a teacher for 20 years.
- There is 18 staff at Tse'ii'ahi' Community School and 27 day students. Also, Kindergarten only have 6 students and 11 first graders, 12 second graders, 13 third graders, 14 fourth graders. The enrollment we ended with 61 students last year.
- When students stay with us at 92% and the 8% transfer to Crownpoint Community School or Crownpoint Elementary School and one moved to Albuquerque School District.
- The face program we have 27 students, family & child education program, they go up to 5 years old.
- Over the years, work with teachers, coaches, consultants, educators, we have done very well. And improved by 46% in reading and 54% in math improvement.
- Attendance is good, we give them awards, take them on field trips. We gave away 21 Bikes for perfect attendance.
- Staff, I have 5 certified teachers and 1 is working on certification. There educational technician, I have 6 and a janitor. Plus, IT person. Just like what Alva is sitting at, the computer.
- We are willing to work with you and recruit your children or grandchildren. We are at 54 enrollees from K-4<sup>th</sup> grade and face 27 students at our school. We have 82 students.
- We get some grants and this is for teaching Navajo Language & culture. Or technology support, to get laptops.
- Our new school construction, last year, all the paperwork, where is the land lease. We do have the chapters resolution. But the most important paperwork is lost. This coming school year, we have an acting facility manager. So, Barbara Henson retired. So this year, person name is Tommy Belone.
- So, I have to work with Chapter, BIE and Mr. Jim probably knows the process, just like getting a homesite lease. Getting all the art clearance, biological and historical clearance. Even though school started in 1934. There is no paper on file.
- We would like to continue your support from chapter to our school. And thank you.

Velvet Kalleco – what happen to all that paperwork given to Barbara, what did she do with it?

Sheila Nez – We went to Marco Abeita to locate the paperwork. And they cannot locate.

Velvet Kalleco – I know the Art Clearence was already done, because Ms. Gates paid for it out of her own pocket. Then chapter paid for the survey. We have our copy here at chapter. And Ronald should have a copy of that.

Sheila Nez – we have a copy of the survey, the plot. But what we need is the land lease.

Velvet Kalleco – the land lease is BIE responsibility, we told Barbara. So, start from there.

Sheila Nez – we have supporting resolution for construction from chapter, housing, we have and have the land survey. The survey form completed in 2015. The actual land lease is what is lacking.

Elmer Johnson – we are talking about new facility. The student enrollment has been declining and check on line. We had got funded and mis communication. Our funding went to Standing Rock, South Dakota. Someone need to spear head this project. Seems like the enrollment going down, dire need of children. Was there any enrollment drive?

Sheila Nez – Back in June, I had two staff, work on enrollment drive. Putting up flyers, place on KTNN & KGAK for recruitment and put on newspaper. So at NTU radio, continuous enrollment announcements. We are doing our best. And working on land use.

Johnny Johnson – I have two comments, we have all necessary copies, we have on file. If you need assistance from letter, we can assist. And Arlene Coan has addressed the school board vacancy on several occasion. Also, we were informed that we are the top five to receive a new building. Are we still on the list or not?

Sheila Nez – summer of 2023, we were on the list to receive new school construction. Tried communicating on status. So last year, they reviewed the paperwork again and since we do not have the land lease paperwork. And new administration in Washington DC. They only selected a few new school constructions.

Johnny Johnson – so it seems we lost our place in the top five, the paperwork will need to be resubmitted and please keep us posted. No other question, let's vote.

Motion by: Elmer Johnson

Second by: Leonard Yazzie

Vote: 22/01/01

## VI. Reports:

### a. Danny Simpson, Council Delegate REPORT

Johnny Johnson – Danny Simpson is not available, but if he comes we will make some time for him. Let me give some time to Brenda Lee, she brought some spaghetti and staff brought side dishes.

Brenda Lee – I just wanted to share some food with the community, appreciate community assistance with helping me out and thank Alva & Velvet for providing the bread and drinks too.

b. Johnny Johnson, Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter President REPORT

Johnny Johnson – Let me provide a small report on meetings I attended. My Vice President will be facilitating.

- First item is the Eastern Navajo Fair, July 21-27 happen and golf tournament at Albuquerque. And had blessing and rodeo. On first day was elder fest and youth day. And thru Sunday with Veterans. From Standing Rock community very active, Omar Kalleco had volleyball tournament and Margaret Morgan-Benally took care of the funding. And Loren Morgan held the Mesa Run, for Veterans, they had 150 runners. From Standing Rock, held in-kind services. And thank all staff.
- I attended the Commission on Emergency Management meeting on drought, they want to add more stipulation to the drought matters and community fires. Keeping as is, not changes.
- In Tohatchi, NM, I attended a State of New Mexico Indian Affairs meeting. I took the resolution we approved here at the chapter for the \$10 million dollar on Capital Outlay. I presented and was approved. In January it will be presented by Represented Johnson and Senator Menoz. Our own Senator Pinto did not assist.
- I attended, Navajo Gallup Water Supply meeting at NTUA headquarters, it is now 65% complete. We had a 60-page update.
- Funds are still lacking from BBN9 Lateral, from Coyote Canyon to Crownpoint to Lake Valley, Little Water to Becenti. All under Danny Simpson leadership and asking funds from Shashin \$7.2 million and from FRF/federal funds to \$4 million and total \$11.2 million.
- Here at Standing Rock to cover plan & design and lacking construction, need homesite leases. NTUA & IHS need homesite lease.
- We participated in audit finding meeting and administration is working on minor corrections and chapter officials are assisting.
- Also, the IHS in Gallup NM is not happening, funds went to another tribe. Navajo Nation did not determine location of facility. We question, council and executive staff.
- Also, ENAC meeting agenda items are closed and meeting will be at Baahalii, NM.
- Discussed one stop shop in Crownpoint Administration office, location/land is lacking.
- We did pre-construction meeting yesterday, NECA will be contractor and moving onsite near community center. Jobs for labor available. Two projects, one is the line project and distribution project. We have 68 request and funding partial, but have a second phase
- Negotiations still happening, if you need powerline extension let administration know.
- That is my report

Velvet Kalleco – no questions, let's motion

Jimson Joe – water that is being hauled, why are they not paying for? And resolution at the ENAC, why was Senior funding not included?

Johnny Johnson – I mention before and will mention again, the watering point belongs to the pipeline. The Navajo Nation Water Resources under Department of Natural Resources owns that watering point and has contract. We tried to request, but got denied. So, we setup our own watering point here near the chapter. And second question, all programs were asked to submit request for unmet needs. You were there at the Becenti Chapter. So you need to address that with Young Jeff Tom.

Motion by: Clinton Jim  
Second by: Margaret Morgan-Benally  
Vote: 20/01/01

VII. Old Business:

- a. Policy: TSEII.0725.0704: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter acknowledge request for changes to the Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Solid Waste  
Sponsor: Annie Alfred, Tse'ii'ahi' Community Member

Johnny Johnson – I will work with administration and chapter officials to come up with plan.

Motion by: Annie Alfred indicated it was just a question regarding the trash daily operation, she would like to withdraw the resolution.

VIII. New Business:

- a. Resolution TSEII.0825.0801: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter supports the Tse'ii'ahi' Senior Advisory Council recommendations for improvement and health wellness at the local senior centers across the Navajo Nation.  
Sponsor: Jimson Joe, Tse'ii'ahi' Senior Advisory Council Chairperson

No Action, sponsor request to defer to September Regular Meeting, as the Eastern Agency Senior Council hasn't meet.

- b. Resolution TSEII.0825.0802: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter supports and approve the July 2025 Revenue Report in the amount of \$1,098.43 and \$1,074.20 and \$413.81  
Sponsor: Janice Padilla, Tse'ii'ahi' Community Services Coordinator

Motion by: Clinton Jim to approve item b & c  
Second by: Genevieve Tsouhlarkis  
Vote: 19/01/02

- c. Resolution TSEII.0825.0803: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter supports and approve the August 2025 Revenue Report in the amount of \$1,168.54 and \$768.53.  
Sponsor: Janice Padilla, Tse'ii'ahi' Community Services Coordinator

Motion by: Clinton Jim to approve item b & c  
Second by: Genevieve Tsouhlarkis  
Vote: 19/01/02

- IX. Housing Discretionary Request: (Three (3) applicants approved)
- a. Nusie Belone – represent self
  - b. Genevieve Tsouhlarkis – represent self
  - c. Bobby M. Tso – represent self

Motion by: Danny Henry  
Second by: Arlene Coan  
Vote: 19/00/03

- X. Scholarship Request: (only one (1) applicant approved)
- a. Karlee Yazzie, Navajo Technical University - represent self

Motion by: Genevieve Tsouhlarkis  
Second by: Clinton Jim  
Vote: 21/00/00

XI. Written Reports

- a. Benjamin Cowboy, CLUPC Chair Update (No Report)
- b. Clinton Jim, Land Board Official Update (Written Report provided by consultant and short verbal report)

Clinton Jim – I missed three meetings; I was in Roswell at New Mexico State. We were invited to the New Mexico State Fair cattle grower’s association. Only one other, until we get our consultants write the report. Different tribe will work with Navajo Nation to get hay from Oklahoma. We will get more information regarding the hay. That is my small report and thank you

- c. Janice Padilla, Community Services Coordinator Update (Verbal report)

- Real quick, the bathroom addition done, need to have them complete application for leach line
- And light up Navajo, funds still available. Need homesite lease.
- The NTUA assist with septic tank and leach line, if no power, they will install a cistern system using solar, until you get your waterline.
- Septic tank cleaning contract was withdrawn and going out for bid again.
- The RRR funds will just be returned back to the FRF office. Tried to keep at Chapters.
- The warehouse, we have a meeting in Gallup and have a shortfall of \$1.2 million. We do have \$1.1 million and due to inflation.
- Chapter fencing, considered a maintenance yard. This is for the chapter. I need to take a map to NDOT.
- Other funding, we only one project that we don’t have an IGA. I’m working with Michelle on Scope of Work in Window Rock. It’s now back to Chapter to complete. I have three projects, I need to do the Scope of work.
- When I meet with Michelle, I will let you know Mr. Joe, so you can attend, regarding the senior center.

- I told Claude, \$3,000 to senior center, \$4,000 to Head Start and other goes to warehouse. He said, he will look for other funding. He is talking with Roderick Begay and Michelle. They are doing project meeting with all five agencies. Crownpoint agency is scheduled this Friday. We have about \$7.8 million worth of projects and 60% almost complete. NECA is moving in and starting the projects.
- That is my report.

Jimson Joe – I want the contract numbers?

Johnny Johnson – out of our hands and in Window Rock

Freda Joe – Janice was going to arrange a meeting on the art in places. Where are those contracts are at?

Johnny Johnson – contract at Division Community Development/CPMD

Janice Padilla – CPMD is not available and budget hearing are going on in Window Rock. Claude indicated the funds will stay in place and just need to correct information. We will give you the numbers, when we receive. Please bear with us and we will work with you. Now DOJ is involved, Mr. Roderick Begay.

Freda Joe – that same paperwork was used at Torreon Chapter, don't understand. Getting calls from the artist. I just want an update on the email. No one responds.

Johnny Johnson – How did you process? They did a 164 process. It's a government to government (Navajo Nation and State of New Mexico).

Jimson Joe – Claude was there at a meeting and chapter officials could attend.

Johnny Johnson – Was not aware, motion to adjourn? I need someone to motion.

- d. Jimson Joe, Tse'ii'ahi' Senior Advisory Council Chair Update (provided a written report)
- e. Commander Jerry Whiterock, Tse'ii'ahi' Veteran Organization Update (no report)

Arlene Coan – announcement on vacant school board opening. School Board Position open for Standing Rock, Nahodishgish and Coyote Canyon. No school board members, so DODE is overseeing those schools until we filled those positions. Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> to apply \$200 filing fee. Another vacancy at Crownpoint school board, representing Standing Rock school. Six-member board, only three, need to fill three more. Those two positions we re advertising. There is 14 school board positions vacant. And some chapter officials open and land board position. If interested in these positions, stop by Election office and located at the land office, across from senior center. That is my announcement.

## XII. Announcements:

August 20, 2025 – Tse'ii'ahi' NHA Residential Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

August 20, 2025 – Tse'ii'ahi' CLUPC Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

August 20, 2025 – Tse'ii'ahi' Senior Advisory Council Meeting at Community Center

August 22, 2025 – Joint Land Board Meeting, Ramah Chapter

August 23, 2025 – Eastern Navajo Agency Council Meeting, Baahaalii, NM at 9:00 a.m.

September 1, 2025 – Labor Day Holiday

September 2-7, 2025 – 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Fair

September 2, 2025 – Tse’ii’ahi’ Chapter Planning Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

September 4, 2025 – Tse’ii’ahi’ CLUPC Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

September 11, 2025 – Tse’ii’ahi’ Senior Advisory Council Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

September 14, 2025 – Tse’ii’ahi’ Veteran Organization Meeting at 1 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment, motion by Margaret Morgan-Benally and second by Jimson Joe, majority voting at 9:19 p.m.  
(21:19 hundred hours)

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Alva R. Tom, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer  
Tse’ii’ahi’ (Standing Rock) Chapter