

Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter

Regular Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Johnny Johnson, Chapter President. Invocation was given by Dorothy Jones, community member.

II. Read and adopted the Agenda – Johnny Johnson, Chapter President, overview of the Agenda per request from Ms. Judy Willetto, community member.

Motion by: Jerry Whiterock

Second by: Judy Willetto

VOTE: 23/00/02

Phyllis Willetto-Lancer: Would like to add two (2) Resolutions. I requested for these two resolutions during Planning Meeting and I do not see it on Agenda. I was told to write out myself and I did a research on the resolutions and have them available now.

III. Read and adopted the January 21, 2019 Meeting – Reading by Arlene Coan, Chapter Secretary. No questions.

Motion by: Judy Willetto

Second by: Michael Coan

VOTE: 23/00/03

IV. Financial Report – NOT AVAILABLE. TO BE DEFERRED TO MARCH 2019 MEETING.

INTRODUCTION: BY ETTA MORGAN, CHAPTER PRESIDENT FROM NAHODISHGISH CHAPTER.

V. Reports:

a. Mark Freeland, Council Delegate

- With this Declaration of Emergency situations, we found out the biggest need is fire wood.
- Been driving around Albuquerque, in search of vendors, etc... for firewood.
- Come to learn and I am getting some help from Los Lunas with 3 semi-truckload of firewood.
- Will be delivered tomorrow (02.25.19) to the Book Supply Center in Gamero.
- New Mexico is going to help out Arizona with firewood too.
- Asking the chapter to have PEP on standby.
- The six (6) chapters, I represent will be the first to get this firewood.
- It will be up to chapter on who they will give wood too.
- Need CHR involved.
- Think Tse'ii'ahi' is in better standing, they already submitted their assessment report.
- Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter is always on top of requests and I appreciate that very much.
- We will use emergency funds to purchase any items needed, if you have a budget.
- The Chapters will pick up wood and not by individuals.
- Always be prepared for any type of weather.
- On Tuesday, February 26, 2019 – NN Council Special Session
- Funds will be given to Chapter for Emergency Fund and I am not sure how much funds.
- The plan was to take funds from the Sinhasin Funds, the interest account.
- Was assigned to RDC.
- The Hotel in Crownpoint – 30 jobs available.
- C-Store also in Crownpoint – still working on this project.
- State Collaboration Act needs to be priority for our community projects.
- Former Governor Martinez 2013-006; Capital Projects, a state process we all have to follow. This was rescinded by new Governor.
- We had our RDC Meeting, and meeting every Wednesday. Rickie Nez, Chair; Thomas Walker, Jr., Vice Chair and a member to the RDC.



- We set up our meeting at other locations to update and go through orientation.
- We need to work on Right of Way in the community, Land issues.
- Legislation: House Joint Resolution one (1); 1% of funds to include Navajo Head Start.
- We need to make sure the People are taken care of, they are very important.
- Becenti chapter will be getting a new Cell Tower.
- Let the Chapter and CHR the status of where and how your people are doing. Human Life is accounted for at all times.
- I will be back next month for updated reports.
- I appreciate your support and prayers.
- My cell number is (928) 259-1620 call or text.

Shirley House: Who is the CHR?

Velvet Kalleco: We need pellets too.



b. Annie Alfred, Land Board Member

- My report is always the same old thing.
- BIA gave me some documents to get updated information regarding Name, Phone Numbers, etc....
- District 15 has Range Unit and identifies the boundary. To include Tse'ii'ahi'; Whiterock; Nahodishgish.
- NRCS from Grants has funds for fencing supplies.
- Similar to Ernest Tso Conservation Plans.
- You need to start working on your conservation plans; this is according to your range units.
- Some were purchased or exchanged from a long time ago and now causes friction among family members, this is what I am working on and have to deal with.
- Some need to be probated.
- We need technical assistance on developing Conservation Plans.
- Conservation Plan Specialist was hired by BIA.
- Need information on Permittees requested by the Specialist hired.
- I did collect some information before the meeting.
- Due to Government shut down, we did not meet with BIA. We need BIA assistance because they have the initial paperwork.
- Grazing, Farm Board will be replaced with a position called Range Unit Technician. This is what we were informed; more information on this is forthcoming.
- Land Board members are not included in the meeting at San Juan College.
- March 27, 28 and 29, 2019 Meeting at Santa Anna Star Casino.
- We have no funds and to travel at your own expense is what we are told.
- Some Land Board Members are not working on Tally County and Horse Round Up.
- Travel funds are limited to us.
- Mileage Reporting is very slow process for reimbursement.
- Window Rock tells us to wait for reimbursement for 2/3 months.
- Our Plan of Operation is still draft format and we are continued to work on this plan.
- Feral horses is a lot again with Tse'ii'ahi' community, we encounter different views of this round up.
- If you have horses coming into your sheep corral, pin them up and you can sell them at \$50.00 per head.
- As long they not branded.
- Talley count – will start doing this again. We getting different information on when to do counts; yearly/6 months.
- A lot of people are requesting for Hay.
- We have no funds here at Tse'ii'ahi' for Hay Purchase.
- At Nahodishgish Chapter – they had a system to where people paid into hay purchase and they picked up hay last week.

Motion by: Judy Willetto  
VOTE: 26/00/03

Second by: Michael Coan

VI. New Business:

a. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2000: Tse'ii'ahi'Chapter supports the Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (NTEC) Acquisition of Navajo Generation Station (NGS) and the Kayenta Mine. Sponsor Kasey Begay

Motion by: Judy Willetto  
VOTE: 08/04/16 – THIS RESOLUTION DID NOT PASS

Second by: Irene Franklin

b. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2001: Requesting the New Mexico Indian Affairs; Tribal Infrastructure Board Capital Outlay to secure \$300,000.00 of funding for the Rio Lobo Canyon Pipeline Road. Sponsor Johnny Johnson, Chapter President

Motion by: Larry Yazzie Second by: Judy Willeto  
VOTE: 25/00/04 – THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE FINALIZED BY JOHNNY JOHNSON, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Roger Lewis: Many years ago, I still honor my late mother's words, I oppose this development. Pinedale Chapter (Celia Arviso) the grader only graded her portion of roads. Perhaps only from the South side entrance for this road improvement project is feasible. I think we need to wait on this, this is my recommendation. The road improvement is good but, there are situations that come with this project like with trash, traffic, etc...

Larry Yazzie: Where I reside, which separated the border lines.

Johnny Johnson: This is a planning grant. Primary Plans are improvements from the South. Answer to Mr. Yazzie, border line is still there as our service line. The last time it was only a feasibility study. We also worked on the Cattle Guard and fix this too.

Julius Ellwood: We use that road, a short cut to Gallup. Perhaps this road should be gravel or highway. Main traffic to Tse'ii'ahi', Crownpoint, Nahodishgish, Whiterock, Lake Valley, etc... I think, this will bring economic opportunities. This will be for our children. Way back when, our people they survived on grazing livestock. We need to think ahead, built economic development, bring employment. I encourage the community to support this resolution.

Johnny Johnson: This is only a plan at this point. Navajo Nation and BIA are afraid to blade this road due to the pipeline underneath. I will work with Pinedale Chapter on this project.

c. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2002: Supporting updated Alignment of the Beacon Bisti – N9 (BBN9) Lateral Water Line, and requesting Bureau of Reclamation approval of this Alignment. Sponsor Johnny Johnson, Chapter President

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Julius Ellwood  
VOTE: 28/00/02 – PASS WITH NO QUESTIONS

d. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2003: Accepting and Approving Fiscal Year 2018 to Fiscal Year 2019 Carryover General Fund in the amount of \$335.36; Sponsor Janice Padilla, CSC

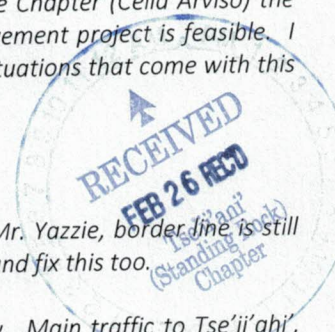
Motion by: Judy Willeto Second by: Michael Coan  
VOTE: 26/00/03- PASS WITH NO QUESTIONS

e. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2004: Accepting and Approving Fiscal Year 2018 to Fiscal Year 2019 Carryover Gaming Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,931.70; Sponsor Janice Padilla, CSC

Motion by: Judy Willeto Second by: Michael Coan  
VOTE: 26/00/03 – PASS WITH NO QUESTIONS

f. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2005: Supporting Resolution from the Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Community requesting the Division of General Services to resume operation of the Navajo Transit System in the Eastern portion of the Navajo Reservation. Sponsor Phyllis Willeto-Lancer, Vice President

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Jerry Whiterock  
VOTE: 27/00/02 - RECEIVED HAND WRITTEN DOCUMENT FROM PHYLLIS WILLETO-LANCER, CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT THE DAY OF THE MEETING. NEEDS TO FINALIZE.



g. Resolution: TSEII.0219.2006: The Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Community supports the resolution for the Missing Native Indigenous Women. Sponsor Phyllis Willeto-Lancer, Vice President

Motion by: Micheal Coan Second by: Jerry Whiterock  
VOTE: 27/00/02 – RECEIVED HAND WRITTEN DOCUMENT FROM PHYLLIS WILLETO-LANCER, CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT THE DAY OF THE MEETING. NEEDS TO FINALIZE.

VII. Scholarship Requests:

- a. Starlyn Jones - REPRESENTED BY LOUISE NEZ
- b. Je Leah Yazzie - PRESENT/SELF
- c. Justin Succo - PRESENT/REPRESENTED BY BOBBIANN SUCCO

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Judy Willeto  
VOTE: 24/00/3

VIII. Announcements:

- February 28<sup>th</sup> – “Let’s Talk Government Reform” at Fort Defiance Chapter @ 9am
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Eastern Navajo Agency Council at Baca/Prewitt Chapter @ 9am
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Planning Meeting @ 9am
- March 14<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Meeting @ 6pm


Dorothy Jones: To make note that the PEP workers came by our house and did not even give us any woods at all, this was so distributing to me and to why we get treated like this, I thought elderies were priority and with this firewood that the Council Delegate is referring too. We would like to request to get our share of this wood please.

Johnny Johnson: We need your help to in return to assist us with whatever means of transportation if needed and always have your help on standby to assist.

Velvet Kalleco: This question is the Delegate Freeland, some of the community members use Pellets too. We also need Pellets. Also to make comment that, our community members that live far off the road are more/better prepared that the ones that live right off the roads and this is sad to say but, it is true. I know this for a fact because when I was the CHR, this is what I noticed. Like I always stress, always be prepared.

IX. Adjournment at 8:00pm motion by Judy Willeto and second by Irene Franklin.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by:

  
Arlene Coan, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer  
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“To protect traditional and cultural values to achieve sustainability for Tse'ii'ahi' community and its future generations”