

Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter

Regular Meeting – May 21, 2019

A G E N D A

- I. Call Meeting to Order / Invocation
- II. Reading and Adopting the Agenda
- III. Reading and Adopting the April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Financial Report (*Handout/Alva Tom, AMS*)
- V. New Business:
 - a. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5000: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Respectfully Requesting the Budget & Finance Committee, the 24th Navajo Nation Council and the Office of the President & Vice President to appropriate Supplemental Funding to the Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters that were NOT adequately allocated Chapter Officials Stipend in the Fiscal Year 2019 Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget.
 - b. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5001: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Respectfully requesting the Budget & Finance Committee, Resources and Development, Naabik'iy'ati, the 24th Navajo Nation Council to appropriate Supplemental Funding for Chapter Summer Youth Employment.
 - c. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5002: Land Withdrawal for 10-acres for Community Cemetery; (acreage land description forthcoming from the CLUPC).
 - d. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5003: Eastern Navajo Agency Fair requesting for monetary donation in the amount of \$500.00; (Account Unidentified).
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Mark Freeland, Council Delegate
 - b. Phyllis Willeto-Lancer, Community Land Use Planning Committee
 - b. Rosalie Morgan, Senior Advisory Council
 - c. Annie Alfred, Land Board Member
- VII. Scholarship Request:
- VIII. Housing Discretionary Request:
 - a. Joely Yazzie
 - b. Jay Becenti
 - c. Wilbur Tso, Jr.
- IX. Announcements:

May 23rd – Crownpoint Elementary Promotion
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- X. Adjournment:



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Meeting called to order by Johnny Johnson, Chapter President at 6:40pm. Invocation given by Ryan Sandoval, visitor.

II. Read and adopted the Agenda – Accepted as is.

Motion by: Rosalie Morgan **Second by: Michael Coan**

VOTE: 20/00/06

III. Outlined and adopted the April 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes – by Arlene Coan, Secretary

Motion by: Tillie Lewis **Second by: Clinton Jim**

VOTE: 15/00/10

IV. Financial Report (Handout/Alva Tom, AMS)- Detail Combining Balance Sheet as of 04/30/2019. The budget was also written on the whiteboard.

01 – CHAPTER ACTIVITY GENERAL FUND (\$10,257.02) written on the whiteboard. The budget handout the amount indicates at (\$7,063.39). Two different amounts were reported.

02 – NN GENERAL FUND (\$639.48)

03 – LAND CLAIMS TRUST - \$1,823.16

04 – LAND BOARD - \$2.76

08 – YOUTH FUNDS - \$6,746.35

09 – HOUSING DISCRETIONARY - \$15,223.18

10 – LGA – (\$2,226.19)

12 – CHAPTER STIPEND – \$88.86

13 – SCHOLARSHIP - \$9,506.84

14 – SCHOLARSHIP CLAIMS - \$2,429.00

15 – PEP – (\$945.02)

16 – VETERAN - \$1,236.62

17 – EMERGENCY - \$608.53

22 – NN GENERAL FUND/\$25,000 – 0

23 – NN SALES TAX - \$2,951.49

25 – NN 180,000 CIP - \$13,134.13

27 – NN 200,000 CIP - \$186,902.45

40 – UNHEALTHY FOOD TAX - \$6,363.54

50 – SENIOR - \$1,295.89; written on the whiteboard. **The budget handout the amount indicates at \$1,343.14; two different amounts were reported.**

TOTAL: \$234,245.00; written on the whiteboard. The budget handout the amount indicates at \$237,485.97

Alva Tom, AMS: Last month, I did a budget report and this will be my second time giving the report. Note: Ms. Tom did the reading of the budget written on the whiteboard by line item. Written budget report was also given out to the members in attendance. Land Board has had this budget for the quite some time now with a balance of \$2.76; Would also like to inform you all that some youth funds were paid to Kelly Craig, although we did not have youth employment, I told the chapter officials they are aware of this already regarding this employment by Kelly. We did have some funds in the chapter official stipend account and we paid the chapter officials at least 300.00 for their meeting last month. I still need to check on the Scholarship Accounts. I assume we were going stop the PEP workers, yet they were still working and they were paid from the CIP Account per Janice. And they continued to work and now the two (2) boys are wanting their paycheck, not sure where to get the funds from, as you can see we are in the minus in the PEP account.



There are some accounts we cannot touch. My concern is the PEP and Alex Capitan, the equipment operator. Also, getting a lot of calls for Youth employment. And our Travel we spent 25,000.00 travels alone. There is additional \$3,814.00 spent for travel, even after we all knew, we had no travel funds. We get revenues from the Trash and the highest was in March. The past week the trash has been closed due to no staff. I cannot be at two places. Janice is on travel and will not be here until Friday. The Eastern Navajo Agency Fair is requesting for \$500.00 and we just don't have the funds. I was told by ASC; the funds are identified as recreational funding and we don't have any line item established for this type of requests and if we should assist, we open the door for others for requesting for donation to their events.

Raymond Lancer: One of the these that needs to be done to be in compliance if the Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter is a certified chapter and they can make an ordinance and set up a different accounts. But, the chapter is not certified and they cannot develop on its own. We have to abide by the laws, the NN account system and we are subject to that system. This report is a concern and proper action should be taken and there is no way we can operate like this. If the auditor has findings and they can close the chapter. The community wants a Corrective Action Plan. The 25,000.00 on Travel is a runaway track, this type of spending should not be happening. If this community is going to grow, we need to establish a corrective action plan before we get hit by the Auditor.

Rosalie Morgan: Good evening everyone, I have great concern about the budget discussion. How did we lose all the monies? I use to praise our chapter because at one time we had a million dollar. What happened to our CD Accounts? I think we also said to use only the interest funds, this was by the voting members. I want an answer to that. We got a Senior Account at chapter, don't know what happened, she suppose to know how to budget our funds, this is our money and we have a right to question our monies. We voted for her (Chapter Secretary/Treasurer), she should control our funds too. We lost all that money to what, where did it all go. Look at all the red (pointing to whiteboard). PEP has no funds at all, yet we still employed them too. We want to get this audited and I am for it too. Put a moratorium on our accounts, no more spending. Asking the motion parties. This hurts and what happen to our million dollars. I hope you guys vote with me. Thank you

Velvet Kalleco: There were funds in each of the accounts, and now there are a lot of reds and this also brings a concern to me. We probably hit the papers soon, if we continue to operate like this. Where did you guys go anyway? I know for a fact that you guys are always on travel and even going to the same place, getting the same information. To where only one could have gone and bring back the information. There is no report given to us, when you went on travel. Youth funds, there was a lot of funds in there when I was the official. Don't know what happened to Emergency Account too. This PEP, I think they worked during the winter months, when it should have limited work available in the community. Because of no PEP workers, I think we will start dumping our trash in the arroyos again, only because the Transfer Station is closed. I stand with Rosalie, no spending until this is fixed.

Phoebe Morgan: The positive side of this, it can be fix and to stop the spending as of today. Until this is resolved. My father created that CD and it's sad to see and it's not here in anymore. I think, they did this because they saw a lot of potential growth here in the community and they wanted to set aside some savings for us. We have a lot of people live here, and continue to stay here. Traveling, we use to get reports back and what was learned and how the community could benefit from it. There was an approval by the community in the past. Alongside with this was monthly financial report. Budget was always provided to the members. I received only one updated report as I recall. I wanted to use Housing discretionary and budget report I got was outdated and was not quite sure how much funding we actually had in the discretionary account. PEP is a temporary employment and we have been carrying the same ones for so long. It's not a permanent employment; there are other people that wish to work as PEP. It is also our own fault, we didn't question anything ourselves, we got relax ourselves too. We all need to take responsibility. We need to help our elected leaders to fix this.

Clinton Jim: I heard about this from Jiinn. We elected you. How do we fix this? Can we do some transfers to fix this budget problem? How do we work with our Council Delegate? We need to talk about this and fix this. Money is key factor. We want to resolve this matter.

Felda Yazzie: Shi aweeh (Alva) and if only you are here every day, you will notice something and she is here every day willing to assist with our requests and I thank her for that. Phoebe Morgan is very vocal and to include Rosalie Morgan

and I stand with them too. Print out sheet, stabilize the budget. We need a current budget. "You just don't come in and ask to do this" this is what I was told. Alva is very patient with us. For example, Sherry Woodside always made time although she was very busy. We just approved Resolutions, you registered voters need to voice your concern. And we just vote without justification. We can fix this. Alva knows what she's doing. I hardly come to chapter anymore. When my brother passed we ask to use the chapter, even this facility usage is a big problem.

Arlene Coan: Would like to talk to the CD accounts that was mention by Ms. Rosalie and it was brought up by Ms. Alva too. When we first came into office, the CD account was already in the budget of \$49/59,000 and not knowing where the funds came from and this was when Lloyd Morgan was an official along with Velvet Kalleco as the Vice President. He had been the longest sitting official at the time. As time when on, and budget session happen every year, LGSC was in operation then too. They (LGSC) enforced to have those funds be budgeted out and be utilized as well. There were resolutions passed by this membership to have the Controller Office to oversee our budget as well. This was when Rosita Smith and Roselyn Smith were once the CSC. We completed numerous projects with these funds such as the complete project at the Transfer Station (Electrical, plumbing, fencing, shack, etc...) Metal Roofing for Chapter, Pink Building, Hogan, Flags poles, our monument outside. I still should have my hardcopies records of the when the transfers were done. And this happen with the membership voting on it too. We as officials did not on our own spent these funds, the membership approved it. I need to go back to my records and pull all documents pertaining to the CD Account. The administration office should also have their files too. If we should go in the direction of Mortorium status, anything and everything such as utility payments have to come through this body for approval and this will create some delays in payment process, just want to mention this and be mindful of this. And yes, I do agree that we as officials and administration staff, we need to have a staff meeting to discuss and iron out some things within our duties and responsibilities. And this should happen as soon as possible.

Mark Freeland: I was at a meeting with B&F at Churchrock and one chapter is 147,000 in the red and this is very disturbing. How did this happen, we ask ourselves. Authorized corrective action plan is my recommendation. Correct yourself, you have time. That is the people's money. Let's regroup and work through this, it can be done. I have highly respect to the officials and they work a lot on your behalf, this I know and have witness myself. I always praise Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter for their outstanding work they do. Let's put our head together and fix this budget issues.

Michael Coan: Greetings to all officials and voting members of Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter. This is happening all over the NN Chapters. We don't know how to handle funds. Funds allocation is limited. The voter registration is limited. We are so use to get financial assistance. You can attest yourself to the elected positions within the next year. Sometimes we think that things can be accomplished overnight but, it takes time and effort to accomplish a lot of tasks. The key people are the elderlies to get help. Mr. Sandoval said a good prayer for us and we should abide by his prayers.

Johnny Johnson: We need to sit down and have meeting. Administrative Function by Resolution was also put in place, if you can recall. I have to be natural. This will delay a lot of process; we have trust in our staff as well. I will state, the responsibility is the President. Yes we did travel and use chapter funds. I submit my travel reports to administration. Our vision is for the community. I am glad this was brought up and we need to work on this. Staff and or Official, need to be careful and we need to work together. We have ethics code as officials and staff has the personnel policy and you as membership you have law and order.

Clinton Jim: Jinn and corrective action needs to be applied. Need to discuss the budget. Withhold the moratorium and work on corrective action plan and report back to us as soon as possible.

Johnny Johnson: Moratorium is the subsitutie motion and main motion is the correction action plan FYI.

Motion by: Leona Poyer Second by: Clinton Jim
VOTE: 17/00/09 – FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION, PASSED

Sub motion by: Rosalie Morgan Second by: Nora Silago
VOTE: 10/14/08 – MORATORIUM FAILED



V. New Business:

a. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5000: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Respectfully Requesting the Budget & Finance Committee, the 24th Navajo Nation Council and the Office of the President & Vice President to appropriate Supplemental Funding to the Eastern Navajo Agency Chapters that were NOT adequately allocated Chapter Officials Stipend in the Fiscal Year 2019 Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget.

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Tillie Lewis

VOTE: 21/01/05 – signed resolutions were already given to Delegate Freeland to take to his meeting at Mariano Lake with RDC.

Mark Freeland: I sponsored the Legislation from Churchrock Chapter No. 0119-22 at \$1,374,278.00 they are budgeted for only 8 months and fiscal year is for 12 months. 2019 UUF. ENA has 31 chapters and total amount needed is \$422,779; I went before B&F and it passed. I have three (3) chapters with no funding. I work for our ENA Chapters. Tomorrow RDC at Mariano Lake at 10:00am, this legislation will be on Agenda. This is on a 50/50 formula. The lower registered voters hurt our chapter. Special Session on Friday. I thirteen (13) signatures for have this meeting.

b. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5001: Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter Respectfully requesting the Budget & Finance Committee, Resources and Development, Naabik'iy'ati, the 24th Navajo Nation Council to appropriate Supplemental Funding for Chapter Summer Youth Employment.

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Wilbur Tso, SR.

VOTE: 24/00/06 - signed resolutions were already given to Delegate Freeland to take to his meeting at Mariano Lake with RDC.

c. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5002: Land Withdrawal for 10-acres for Community Cemetery; (acreage land description forthcoming from the CLUPC).

TABLE Motion by: Rosalie Morgan Second by:

VOTE: 18/00/10 - WILL BECOME OLD BUSINESS AT THE JUNE MEETING

Note: Reading of the Resolution by Phyllis Willeto-Lancer, Chapter Vice President. No copy was made available to be attached to the meeting minutes. NO LAND DISCRPTION WAS MADE AVAILABLE. NO RESOLUTION FROM THE CLUPC WAS MADE AVAILABLE, SO NOTED.

d. Resolution: TSEII.0519.5003: Eastern Navajo Agency Fair requesting for monetary donation in the amount of \$500.00; (Account Unidentified).

Motion by: Clinton Jim Second by: Wilbur Tso

VOTE: NO VOTES

Sub motion by: Rosalie Morgan Second by: Felda Yazzie

VOTE: 10/00/18 – TABLED TO JUNE MEETING FOR PASSING THE HAT TO COLLECT SOME FUNDS. NO RESOLUTION WAS MADE AVAILABLE.

Mark Freeland: All the finances were taken and they are starting all over. Chapter wellness to donate funds towards the ENA Fair.

Raymond Lancer: We need to practice accounting system and I just talked about it earlier and we are continuing to request for funds again. It seems to me that we are spending money we don't even have.

Clinton Jim: What's wrong with us if we could pass the hat and collect donation.

Felda Yazzie: this happens every year. ENA Queen Pageant for 15 years. Give it your best shot with passing the hat. Fresh new batch as ENA every year, they start off with a zero balance. Once fair is over and we say mission accomplished. There are no books available. Rodeo has its own budget and they do their own payouts. The more you give and you receive by the all mighty god.

Jimson Joe: Speaking to the donation, this there a resolution in place or by word of mouth. Board is newly established. Should be certified board. I kind of not too agreeable, it should be given to the people who want to donate.

Phoebe Morgan: It's an awkward request after this entire financial request. It would be a personal donation.

VI. Reports:

a. Mark Freeland, Council Delegate

- 2019 UUFB
- 42.0 million available right now
- 3.0 for summer youth
- 1.5 for chapter stipend
- 37.0 available
- 20.00 reserve
- 1.5 for veteran housing project
- 14.5 the balance and divide into 24 NN Delegates.
- And have to divide by eight (8) chapters and with single chapters will get a lot of funds.
- Myself and Delegate Tso we have a lot of chapters.
- I will make recommendation for equal distribution among the 110 chapters.
- Working with NN President on budget manual.
- This is the interest money that accrued every year.
- The Principal of the NN Budget, it has to be approved by the voting people.
- The veterans office, I am concern about the office. Apparently they are shipping people back and forth from Window Rock.
- Nageezi meeting on June 4th – Chaco canyon and no drilling and up to the allottees. RDC will be listening.
- Thank you and this is our update.
- Sorry, I was not here last month, we had a special session and we had a meeting all five (5) days.

Clinton Jim: I took a resolution RDC 100-18; I am member of the Farm Agency and 15-on and 15-on range units from Nageezi to Tse'ii'ahi'. We get funding from USDA and those funds are going directly to Window Rock, per Leo Watchman. I have no confidence in the ENA Land Board at this time. Some funds were transferred from the Sinahsinn funds due to drought and we have no record of it. 17 million will be coming soon from USDA; asking the RDC and when will be having our public hearing. We want grazing members to be present. I am surprise the Land board is not announcing this. Make sure the announcements come and it comes to chapter President and we need to know about this meeting. Paul Houston has been bought already by Leo Watchman. USDA funds are going directly to Window Rock and somehow we (Eastern) to get control of this funding.

Mark Freeland: It is actually 27 million and we need to get more information from Leo Watchman. Public Hearing at NTU dates forthcoming. Ways of raising revenue is HEMP; a study at NAPI to grow. Looking for a Mass quality and asking Tribes to grow HEMP a scientific study to be done by NM State.

b. Phyllis Willeto-Lancer, Community Land Use Planning Committee - WE HAVE RESOLUTION IN PLACE ALREADY.

c. Rosalie Morgan, Senior Advisory Council

- I am the Senior Center chairperson
- April 30th we collected trash
- McKinley County commissioner partner with trash bags and bins.
- Picked up from 10am – 4pm



- A lot of you help.
- Beautifying the community, route 9
- We will be collecting a fee of \$500.00 and will be added to the 50-Senior Account.
- Sadie, Felda we will work with to itemize the funds we received.
- Thank you for helping Arlene and Phyllis with advertising with the paper.
- Johnny and Ray Billie with the Trash bins.
- Route 9 is clean.
- Thank you everyone.

Johnny Johnson: We will do this quarterly.

d. Annie Alfred, Land Board Member

- USDA permittees for tally count and they submit with USDA.
- Those reports were submitted for a long time.
- This is just not started.
- John is very familiar with the process and he will inform you.
- Last year, due to drought for the 3 or 4 years. Applied for funds and was submitted.
- My understanding is that John did not submit all his reports that were due and this is why we got limited funds.
- Debbie, Secretary also made herself available and she was good about submitting reports.
- Permittees were informed, they are fully aware of what kinds of reports are due with USDA.
- New board (Clinton Jim) is the ones who made changes to this UDSA and he should know about this himself.
- A lot of people disagreed with the changes.
- Due to conflicting schedules of meeting, the lady we suppose to meet with did not give report.
- Still working on mineral blocks.
- All paperwork was submitted. These applications were due May 6th.
- Some permits have been sitting there for number of years.
- They need to be probate.
- We need update phone number and address. There are some people I can't find, move into the cities.
- Have not gotten word on extension on the application process.
- Was told a cow was chewing plastic, made my checks.
- We went to a Conference at Route 66, traveled out of pocket.
- Joint Land Board meeting.

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Velvet Kalleco
VOTE: 22/00/05

VII. Scholarship Request – NONE FOR THIS MONTH.

VIII. Housing Discretionary Requests:

- Joely Yazzie - PRESENT
- Jay Becenti – REPRESENTATIVE/ANNIE ALFRED
- Wilbur Tso, Jr. – REPRESENTATIVE/WILBUR TSO, SR.

Motion by: Michael Coan Second by: Jimson Joe
FIRST VOTE: 13/02/05 - FAILED
SECOND VOTE: 16/00/05 – FAILED



Jimson Joe: Present a President's directive, establish a timeline.

Johnny Johnson: Housing Discretionary we have a balance of \$15,223.18 we can use the funds and move forward and apply the correction action plans starting the month of June. When we were discussing the matter at hand, it was not mention of when the plans will go effect.

Rosalie Morgan: Effective right now, no spending.

Johnny Johnson: There was no effective date indicated. The Administration staff to start preparing your recommendation, plan of action for us to start working on. We will have a meeting soon. Notification should be written to the applicants on status of their applications on file. With your directive Rosalie, all spending will cease as of today until further notice. Thank you


NOTE: A lot of people talking to this Correction Action Plan to take effective date of?

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X. Adjournment at 9:53pm with majority voting to adjourn.

Meeting Minutes submitted by:


Arlene Coan, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer
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