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LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER

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MINUTES OF LAKE VALLEY CHAPTER REGULAR MEETING

Sunday, JANUARY 14, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

A. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled Chapter meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by the Chapter President, Tony Padilla, Jr. with a quorum of seventeen (17) registered voters of Lake Valley Chapter present to constitute an official business meeting.
- Invocation:** The invocation was provided by community member, David Russell.

The following people were present in person for the meeting: Chapter President-Tony Padilla, Jr.; Chapter Vice President-Edison Tso; Secretary/Treasurer-Betsy Dennison; Janice Padilla-Land Board; Lucinda Begay-Community Services Coordinator; Community members-Cornelia Pioche, Colleen Pioche, Deborah Tso, Kayleen James, Canossa Victor, Donnalita Young, Tyson Largo, Vanessa Shorty, Flora Gus, David Russell, Rose Sandoval, Renita Juan, Tryan Stevenson, Jennifer Brown, Jenny Padilla Curley, Bronston Yazzie, Milanda Yazzie, Johnson Sandoval, John Sandoval, Jr., Etta Holmes; and Presenter-Arlenta Horse-Dickie.

Total registered voters present for the meeting: 26

- Review/Adoption of Agenda:** Chapter Vice President, Edison Tso, read the meeting agenda for review. **Action of Adoption & Approval:** A motion to adopt & approve the agenda was made by **ROSE SANDOVAL**; and seconded by **DEBORAH TSO**. A vote of seventeen (17) in favors, none (0) oppose, one (1) abstained; and motion carried for approval of the meeting agenda.
- Reading/Approval of DECEMBER 17, 2023 REGULAR MEETING:** Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Betsy Dennison, read the Meeting minutes for review. **Action of Adoption & Approval:** A motion to adopt & approve the meeting minutes was made by **CORNELIA PIOCHE**; and seconded by **VANESSA SHORTY**. A vote of seventeen (17) in favors, none (0) oppose, one (1) abstained; and motion carried for approval of the meeting minutes.
- Review & Approval of Financial Statements for Period Ending NOVEMBER 31, 2023: The Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Betsy Dennison, provided financial reports as follows:

General Fund	NN General Fund	Land Claims Trust	Supplement Youth Funds	Housing Discretionary	LGA Grant Fund	Chapter Stipend
\$1,187.61	\$1,071.22	\$12,163.55	\$42,456.56	\$13,334.68	\$44,752.49	\$32,274.70
Scholarship General	Scholarship Claims	PEP Fund	Veterans Fund	Emergency Fund	County Fund	NN Sales Tax
\$13,945.00	\$2,409.18	\$83,606.85	\$4,835.18	\$7,300.27	\$2,953.73	\$1,619.23
NN 180,000 CIP	NN 200,000 CIP	Agriculture & Infrastructure	Unhealthy Food	Senior Citizens		TOTAL BAL.
\$424.33	\$111,973.78	\$0.27	\$5,749.93	\$348.89		\$382,407.45

Action of Adoption & Approval: A motion to adopt & approve the Financial Statement was made by **ROSE SANDOVAL**; and seconded by **JOHNSON SANDOVAL**. A vote of seventeen (17) in favors, none (0) oppose, one (1) abstained; and motion carried for approval.

- PRESENTER:** Arlenta Horse-Dickie from San Juan County Clerk's Office provided information on Candidate Filing for 2024 New Mexico Primary Election to take place Tuesday, March 12, 2024 that outlines candidate qualification guidelines, major Parties include Democrat,

Libertarian & Republican parties, filing day for Federal & Statewide candidates (Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 – Preprimary Convention; Tuesday March 12, 2024 at the Office of Secretary of State-Santa Fe, NM), Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9AM-5PM at SJC Clerk's Office-Aztec, NM for County Cler, County Treasurer, State Senator, State Representative, & District (\$50 filing fee & Petition requirement), Nominating petitions information, and information dates-January 29, 2024-Governor issues proclamation & last day to make changes on your voter registrations for candidates, March 12, 2024-Filing day, March 19, 2024-Filing day for write-in candidates, April 2, 2024-Last day for candidates to withdraw, and June 4, 2024-Primary Election Day. Any questions, contact Tanya Shelby, County Clerk at 505/334-9471 or 1-833-955-8683. (www.sjcclerk.net)

C. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None listed for this meeting.

D. **Full-Quorum Rule:** Effective June 23, 2023, the Commission on Navajo Government Development passed Resolution CEM-20-06-15 which deactivated the State of Emergency declared in CEM-2003-11. This means that CJA-01-22 has also expired. As a result, Chapters are no longer able to exercise any of the authorizations under CJA-01-22. To be clear, this means that there is no more three-quorum rule. All Chapters will need to establish chapter meeting quorums through in-person meetings. Non-LGA certified Chapters can no longer execute contracts under \$50,000.00. Basically, the Chapters will need to begin following the Local Governance Act, the Five Management System, and all relevant policies. Essentially, it is back to normal for all 110 Chapters which also means that all 110 Chapters will need to be fully reopened to the public. Lake Valley Chapter is now back to full-quorum of 15 membership to officially conduct Chapter meetings.

E. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion for new business to be established for Regular Chapter Meeting forwarded from January 3, 2024 Chapter Planning Meeting are as follows:

1. **Approve to Accept the Chapter Student Financial Assistance Program for 2024 Spring Semester**

- a) LVC-JAN14-001: Flora Gus (PT) – San Juan College; Business Administration/Accounting
- b) LVC-JAN14-002: Alyssa N. Howe (FT) – NM State Univ.-Las Cruces, NM; General Business/Hotel, Restaurant Management
- c) LVC-JAN14-003: Kayleen James (FT) – Charter College-Farmington, NM; Medical Assistant
- d) LVC-JAN14-004: K'eildeezbaa Morgan (FT) - University of Redlands, Redlands, CA; Physics Major
- e) LVC-JAN14-005: Hyan W. Ramos (FT) – Navajo Technical University; Welding
- f) LVC-JAN14-006: Derrick Russell, Jr. (FT) – University of New Mexico-ABQ – Biochemistry/Minor in Management
- g) LVC-JAN14-007: Tarick R. Russell (FT) – San Juan College; Engineering
- h) LVC-JAN14-008: Vanessa Shorty (FT) – Navajo Technical University; Nursing Assistant
- i) LVC-JAN14-009: Tryan Stevenson (FT) – Navajo Technical University; Automatic Technician
- j) LVC-JAN14-010: Canossa-Raichon Victor (FT) – St. Joseph's University, Brooklyn, NY; Nursing
- k) LVC-JAN14-011: Ceaira Victor (FT) – UNM-ABQ; Majoring in Nursing/Minor in Health Education

Each of the students presented themselves by introductions, college majors, and thanked community members for assisting with financial support to supplement their college tuitions, books/supplies, etc. David Russell came in lieu of Alyssa Howe, Derrick Russell & Tarick Russell representing his grandchildren who all left for college yesterday request for financial assistance to supplement their needed college cost. Rose Sandoval represented her granddaughter K'eildeezbaa Morgan who is back in CA for semester classes. She also stepped in for John Sandoval, Jr. to represent Hyan Ramos who was unable to represent his grandson. Canossa-Raichon Victor represented her sister Ceaira Victor who is back in college at UNM. Canossa thanked everybody for helping her and her sister; the assistance will surely help their college tuition, etc.

ACTION OF ADOPTION & APPROVAL: **JANICE PADILLA** entertained a motion for approval, and seconds by **JENNY PADILLA CURLEY**. *A vote of twenty (20) in favors, none (0) oppose, one (1) abstained; and motion carried for the record.*

2. **LVC-JAN14-012: Approving the Plan of Operation to Authorize the Establishment and Existence of the Local Veterans Organization within Lake Valley Chapter Government.**

ACTION OF ADOPTION & APPROVAL: **KAYLEEN JAMES** entertained a motion for approval, and second motion was made by **DAVID RUSSELL**. Currently, the Plan of Operation is not on file with the Chapter Administration; however, Commander Frank Antonio, Jr. is not present to present documents but will submit it to the CSC for proper filing with the resolution. *A vote of fifteen (15) in favors, none (0) oppose, one (1) abstained; and motion carried for the record.*

3. Open for resolutions request or business item to support Chapter Projects for approval by Community Membership. None presented at this meeting.

F. **REPORTS:**

Land Board – Janice Padilla provided information that the concentration is mainly on all renewal of grazing permit documents starting this month go to permittees not having all proper paperwork in place, like the State Brand card expiration, some permittees paid but there is a penalty \$5 for late fee-encourages all permittees to please pay for it or your grazing permit will be canceled; Tally Count-new year started, have all the Spring & Fall paperwork in line with Department of Natural Resources; incentive-you can apply for it (\$1,000 to purchase hay; or corn field/big farm with a plan in place; and \$500 for small garden); you may apply on-line for it, will give information to Lake Valley Chapter, if need assistance or a question, text her or call her; a joint-meeting was held at Tse'ii'ahi Chapter; some windmills are not operating properly, the focus is to convert windmill to solar system but provide windmill number; if a windmill is fenced in, they can't assist; Earthen Dam rehabilitation need-RDC & Eastern Land Commission can assist; grazing renewal information will be put on the radio; Department of Natural Resources will asset grazing

areas; there are a lot of feral horses at other Chapters; out of 32-Lake Valley had 15 permittees canceled, some are appealing it, encouraging people to see if their grazing permit is still in good standing, missing CIB will automatically cancel your grazing permit, provide copies to the BIA and as a permittee, you are responsible to take document to the BIA, January 25-27, 2024 grazing renewal process information meeting in Gallup and schedule out for public hearing; and Lake Valley & White Rock will be combined.

Information on applying for Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was also provided and will be discussed at the next Planning Meeting to do project application to apply for \$50,000-\$60,000.

Past practices by people hauling water for livestock was always good communication but we do not practice good water usage to last longer now. We all need to be careful with the windmill by the Chapter due to not tying up the windmill; with the windmill continuous going, the water is leaking out causing frozen water during winter season because the water pipe connection from the pump to the tank is loose. Land Board Janice Padilla will contact the Water Resources for repair work.

Chapter President, Tony Padilla, Jr. provided information discussing three projects for Lake Valley Chapter needing scope of work request, etc.

Community Services Coordinator, Lucinda Begay, provided updates pertaining to BBN9 Water Line Project-apply for TIF application proposal, bathroom additions/NTUA; 8 Chapters (Standing Rock, Nahodishgish, Crownpoint, Becenti, White Rock and Lake Valley) under Council Delegate Simpson's district have ARPA project with Lake Valley having 10 homes with application submittals that CSC used the home assessment done in 2020/2021 by Cornelia Pioche; NECA-will do bathroom additions with \$72,000 to do the project; December 27-had information meeting; Holiday dinner done on January 4-have some Santa bags available to community people; 1.1 M\$ for non-feasible that includes bathroom renovation, septic tanks upgrade, will need scope of work; \$50,000 set aside for ROW Agent; 2 homes need Service Line Agreement (a mile), one is over the line; Water Line - \$15,000; set \$50,000 aside but was put differently now; ARPA Project; State Project request need; 2017/2018-Power Line Project is still going forward but Window Rock delays paperwork that OOC/President signs; Project Manager is taking forever; \$25,000 Power Line Project is still idling; \$95,000 is still pending with paperwork taken out and do re-authorization to extend the Power Line Project las week; Equipment-Warehouse Construction \$175,000 is approved only for flooring with 1 million \$ shortfall fund; need to move paperwork forward with 2 paperwork completed; Water Wells Project-SMA informed us that we need more fund/shortfall; NTUA said the water line is too far to construct so we went with 7 Water Wells; Lacking \$ million dollars-forward paperwork again; State Legislature is coming up next; CHID-have funding approved for the Ware House Construction; Motor Grader-have fund approved but will need 2 more quotes; Cold winter is here-declared the State of Emergency now in place; heavy snow drifts community people encountered so Lake Valley Chapter cleared the road pathways; ordered some firewood and will do distribution; W2 preparation meeting coming up; overall experiencing work load, etc.

John Sandoval, Jr., community member, addressed to CSC Lucinda Begay to assist with the water line problem to fix the disrepair windmills now leaking water that freezes during winter months. A lot of places are abandoned and it is a waste of money to build homes because younger generation are residing in town.

Rose Sandoval, community member, recommends to provide emergency assistance for community members having livestock corralled up that are providing hay themselves. She also provided information that the CLUPC now lacks the President & Vice President positions and if someone have interest, to please apply. Also, during December 6, 2023 the Policies/Procedures were amended and updated. We need to get information of the outcome. As a voter, she has concerns. The Student Financial Assistance was amended; the amount of tuition assistance is now \$700 and we need to go by that current fund.

Chapter President, Tony Padilla, Jr., responded with information that as soon as it is completed with review by the Chapter Officials and presented to community membership for approval, then the new amount will take affective. Right now, it is tabled. For emergencies, Lake Valley Chapter will purchase firewood and hay.

CSC Lucinda Begay said the Emergency Fund does not come yearly, but only when emergency happens. A lot of Chapters are not using their emergency fund so we received only \$7,300; wood purchase of 20 cords will cost \$6,000 leaving \$1,300 to use for hay purchase (2-wire bale); received quotes; been informing community membership to start preparing since August to get firewood/hay; Scholarship fund-there are a lot out there you can apply for and the government has availability of funds for tuitions; Policy-TC Transportation did the policy that went to all the Chapters, Chapter can amend and put update regulations in there; next step is for the Chapter Officials review it and go back to the floor for membership review and approval. The last time it was updated was 2011 and 2022 updated with resolutions; CLUPC-vacant positions is open to community people to submit a Letter of Interest; Scholarship Students-encouraging to come by to help community by volunteering one day at the Chapter or help during holiday events.

Rose Sandoval, community member, recommended planning ahead with summer student employment and winter break as there is no jobs for them during their Christmas break like White Rock Chapter did.

CSC Lucinda Begay responded by providing information that it depends on availability of funds. The summer youth employment had two phases to work 4 weeks, not 2 weeks. She does not like Lake Valley Chapter to get in a deficient with their budget.

Rose Sandoval said to do project now in advance.

Etta Holmes, community member, addressed to CSC allowing the Office helper to type the Policy since you are overloaded with work.

CSC Lucinda Begay responded that she gives assignment to the office worker; that PEP workers do have little experience in certain areas depending on job description.

G. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please remember to continue the best practices to prevent the SPREAD OF COVID-19:

