

Naschitti Community Governance

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NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE
NASCHITTI COMMISSION – MANAGER GOVERNMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2024 ♦ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 ♦ 9:00 AM
COMMISSION WORK SESSION MINUTES

- I. **INSERTION OF AUTHORITY OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Rhonda Herbert, Kee Y Gee, Orlin Skyberg, Alexis Wood, Tammy Yazzie
- III. **CALL TO ORDER:** 9:08 a.m.
- IV. **INVOCATION** - respectfully said by Kee Y Gee
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - read by Rhonda Herbert to the public and for the record.
(m) Alexis Wood (s) Kee Y Gee. Agenda to remain open.
(v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Agenda Approved
- VI. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:** January 17, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Read by Rhonda Herbert to the public and for the record.
(m) Orlin Skyberg (s) Alexis Wood (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Minutes approved.
- VII. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC – 5 MINS. (INTRODUCTION)**
 - A. Mary Ann Benally, San Juan County Clerk Voting Office – provided an overview of the Candidate Filing for 2024 New Mexico Primary Election.
 - B. Virginia Winters – District 14 fences are deteriorated, and there are a lot of feral horses and cows from District 12 wandering in and out of District 14, and people have cut the wires on 3 cattle guards. She reports all this but no one does anything about it. Who is really responsible for the District 14 boundary? She attended Sheep Springs meeting 2 weeks ago and asked for help. Jamison Bryant needs to come together with Naschitti chapter and meet with BIA to figure out a solution. Some cattle guards are packed with sand. This is the 3rd time she has brought up this issue. BIA has told her that it is up to her to fix fencing issues. Alexis Wood said we as Commissioners don't have any say so, it is up to grazing official. Gloria Dennison said they ran across this issue before, and what the commission did was request support by Resolution. Angela Sanford said she has to write a written complaint. At the District 14 meeting held on 2/7/24, Larry Tsosie indicated that he would work with Naschitti and Sheep Springs grazing officials to address the fence issues. The BIA is aware of issue and will assist with providing material to fix fence. The problem is there is only 1 person that covers the entire Navajo Nation so it is very hard to have a horse round-up. Alexis Wood asked if cows will be round up also. Angela Sanford said to bring the issue up at the next meeting because the AG representative will be there. Gloria Dennison said that with the re-districting, there have been changes in our area. The community members may require more education on these changes.
 - C. Elvira Dennison – presented her concern for her experience at the Naschitti Chapter. On 1/27/24 she brought documents to the chapter to be scanned and emailed to a law firm in Farmington. She had to fax the documents due to her limited driving

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capabilities. She was later told by the law firm that the documents were not received. When she called the chapter, there was no one to re-send the fax. On 2/8/24 she called the chapter for a notary but was told the chapter did not have a notary. She then had to drive 82 miles for notary services. She also did not think she should have been charged to print and scan. She said their needs to be computers in public places. Carissa Wood said that cost was implemented in the policy, which she follows. If the Commission wants to make a change to this, it needs to go through a policy change with a Resolution. And the Navajo Nation ended the program for public computers. However, a New Mexico organization provides laptops, printing capabilities and USBs. Comments were added about other options and ways of scanning, like to a PDF or use of a USB. Rhonda Herbert said she would see what she could do.

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS: Balance Sheet As Of January 31, 2024, and the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024 read by Orlin Skyberg to the public and for the record.

(m) Tammy Yazzie (s) Alexis Wood (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Reports moved to Commission Meeting

IX. ALSTE'E'DAA LEGISLATION: None

X. ANIIDI LEGISLATION:

A. NAS-24-02-019: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE IS REQUESTING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS-ROADS DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENTS, TO CLEAN AND REPAIR CATTLEGUARDS ON BIA ROUTE 5007

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) – 4 – yeas, 0 nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

B. NAS-24-02-020: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE IS REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION LAND DEPARTMENT AND THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENTS, TO CLEAN AND REPAIR ALL EARTHEN DAMS WITHIN THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY

(m) Tammy Yazzie (s) Alexis Wood (v) – 4 – yeas, 0 nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

C. NAS-24-02-021: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE IS REQUESTING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENTS ON ALL ROADS WITHIN THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY

(m) Tammy Yazzie (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 4 – yeas, 0 nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

D. NAS-24-02-022: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE IS REQUESTING A CORDIAL MEETING WITH THE MEXICAN SPRINGS CHAPTER AND THE MEXICAN SPRINGS GRAZING OFFICIAL

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) – 4 – yeas, 0 nays. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

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Angela Sanford requested a Resolution addressing the issue of the Mexican Springs boundary in the mountains. She suggested setting up a meeting with the grazing officials, council delegate, LDA, BIA, Forestry, RDC, a several community members that live in the mountains, to come up with a friendly solution.

XI. REPORTS:

- A. **Chapter Manager:** Carissa Wood – read by Rhonda Herbert
- B. **Commissioners:** Rhonda Herbert, Kee Y Gee, Orlin Skyberg, Alexis Wood, Tammy Yazzie
- C. **District 14 Council Delegate:** Nathan Notah – not present
LDA: Ansley Curley – not present
- D. **Grazing Official:** Angela Sanford – thanked NCG for their assistance and for accepting her Resolution
- E. **Ch'ooshgai Community School Board Member:** Hoskie Bryant – not present
- F. **Community Health Representative (CHR):** Brianna Johnson - not present
- G. **Senior Center Manager:** Jerrick Johnson – said he has been at the Tohatchi Senior Center since 2021, and currently the supervisor at Naschitti Senior Center and Sheep Springs Senior Center. He has interviewed 1 candidate for the cook position and waiting for background clearance. Once the cook is hired, the delivery services will begin again, as the delivery driver has been acting as the cook. The trust funds have been depleted so he is not accepting requests for assistance with hearing aids, dentures, etc. ARPA funds have provided emergency food boxes containing non-perishable foods for over 300 people. There are 140 people registered with the Senior Center and 600 meals are provided each month. There are a number of corrective actions required in order to pass the inspection. A discussion followed addressing people grazing without grazing permits. road repair, wash outs, flooding, culverts, earthen dams, road build up, etc. Rhonda Herbert will prepare some Resolutions to address these issues.
- H. **Soil and Water Conservation District:** Christine Bitsoi – not present
- I. **Naschitti Veterans Organization:** Commander – MacArthur Bryant – not present
(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood (v) - 4 – yeas, - 0 – nay. Reports accepted and will be moved to the Commission Meeting

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. **District 14 Grazing Meeting:** February 16, 2024 at Naschitti Chapter
- B. **NCG Chapter Closure/President's Day Holiday:** February 19, 2024
- C. **NCG Emergency Assistance Deadline:** February 20, 2024
- D. **GIMC Heart Health Fair:** February 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
- E. **NCG Veterans Organization Meeting:** February 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- F. **NCG Commission Meeting:** February 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- G. **Ch'ooshgai Community School Board Meeting:** March 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- H. **District 14 Grazing Meeting:** March 6, 2024
- I. **NCG Dine Youth Activities:** March 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
- J. **NCG Veterans Organization Meeting:** March 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

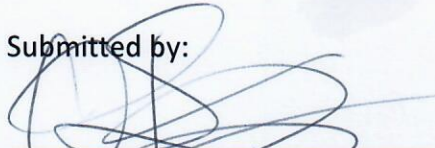
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- K. NCG Work Session Meeting:** March 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
 - L. NCG Easter Free Cake-Walk:** March 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
 - M. NCG Commission Meeting:** March 31, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
 - N. Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting:** TBA
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** 12:29 p.m.
(m) Tammy Yazzie (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays

Submitted by:



Orlin Skyberg
Commission Secretary/Treasurer