



NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE
NASCHITTI COMMISSION – MANAGER GOVERNMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2024 ♦ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 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:** 9:09 a.m.
- IV. **INVOCATION** - respectfully said by Alexis Wood
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - read by Rhonda Herbert to the public and for the record.
(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Orlin Skyberg. Agenda to remain open.
(v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Agenda Approved
- VI. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:** February 14, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Read by Orlin Skyberg to the public and for the record.
(m) Alexis Wood (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Minutes approved.
- VII. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC – 5 MINS. (INTRODUCTION)**
 - A. **Marianne Benally – San Juan County Clerk’s Office: 2024 New Mexico Primary Election 3 Ways to Vote: 1) Absentee Voting 2) Early Voting 3) Election Day Voting**
- VIII. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Balance Sheet As Of February 29, 2024, and the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024.
Approved to move to the next Work Session.
(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Alexis Wood (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Reports moved to Commission Meeting
- IX. **ALSTE’E’DAA LEGISLATION:** None
- X. **ANIIDI LEGISLATION:**
 - A. **NAS-24-03-023: NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REQUESTS THE UNSPEND ARPA FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NAVAJO NATION.**
LDA Ansley Curley provided an update on the disbursement of the remaining ARPA funds. Most recently, this topic has gone round and round between the Council Delegates and attorneys. The Navajo Nation received \$2.08 billion and \$85 million has actually been transferred. They are currently looking at setting up an account for the remaining balance. Depending on how the lawyers set it up, they are looking at transferring \$488 million to this fund. Over the course of the pandemic, the tribe spend \$700 million on water delivery, food drives, firewood, test kits, etc. The Council has a deadline as of the end of March to amend how ARPA funds are spent. If things don’t work out in establishing this fund, it could be that everyone with a census number will receive money. Council Delegate Amber Crotty, has been adamant that money should not be sent back to the federal government. DCD have been taxed with a lot of the work. Some of the work has been farmed out to enterprises that work with the Navajo Nation. A question that Council

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has asked is how much has been spent? They have not received a clear answer. A lot of vendors, in building bathroom additions encounter supply chain issues which has impacted the price of material. The fire in Canada has impacted lumber supply issues. The former Delegate Halona, received \$8 million, and each of the 5 chapter received equal distributions of \$1.7 million. Delegate Nathan Notah said to get quick projects packets ready and submit to the Navajo Nation. Council Delegates may receive additional funding for these projects. Juan Henry asked about bathroom additions. Ansley Curly replied that names were submitted to Community Development and they have contracted with NECA, who are continuing to build these. They are also looking at increasing funding for this project. Once the chapter spends 75% of the funds, the chapter has to go through an audit. Tammy Yazzie said with ARPA and CARES funding, it would be good for Navajo Nation to identify project managers who work on best ways to spend money and revisit old policies in case this happens again. Currently these policies have existed since the 80s.

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

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 – will present a document on the project funding. DCD is currently looking at all projects across the board. They are trying to compile a list to find any shortfalls in funding. If there are other projects being considered, put together the packets by the end of this month.

D. **Grazing Official:** Angela Sanford – not present

E. **Ch’ooshgai Community School Board Member:** Hoskie Bryant – not present

F. **Community Health Representative (CHR):** Brianna Johnson – not present

G. **Senior Center Manager:** Jarrett Johnson

H. **Naschitti Veterans Organization:** Commander MacArthur Bryant and Secretary Rochelle Bryant have resigned from their positions. Richard Notah is the interim Commander.

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) - 4 – yeas, - 0 – nay. Reports accepted and will be moved to the Commission Meeting

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. **NCG Commission Meeting:** March 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

B. **NCG Easter Free Cakewalk:** March 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

C. **Ch’ooshgai Community School Board Meeting:** April 1, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

D. **District 14 Grazing Permittee Meeting:** April 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

E. **CHID Project Presentation:** April 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

F. **NCG Special Grazing Meeting:** April 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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- G. NCG Grazing Horse Round-up: April 10 – 12, 2024
 - H. NCG Veterans Organization Meeting: April 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
 - I. Ft. Defiance Agency Meeting: April 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Red Lake Chapter
 - J. NCG Commission Work Session: April 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
 - K. NCG Grazing Permittee Meeting: April 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT: 11:50 p.m.
(m) Alexis Wood (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Orlin Skyberg", written over a horizontal line.

Orlin Skyberg
Commission Secretary/Treasurer