

Naschitti Community Governance

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**NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE
NASCHITTI COMMISSION – MANAGER GOVERNMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2024 ♦ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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:** 9:17 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) Orlin Skyberg. Agenda to remain open.
(v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Agenda Approved
- VI. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:** March 20, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes. Read by Orlin Skyberg to the public and for the record.
(m) Alexis Wood (s) Kee Y Gee (v) – 3 – yeas, - 0 – nays. Minutes approved.
- VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – 5 MINS. (INTRODUCTION)**
 - A. Marianne Benally: San Juan County Clerk's Office:** presented information on the 3 ways to vote in the upcoming election
 - B. Virginia Winters:** Community Member. She had talked to Council Delegate Notah and asked if he could help with hay and feed for the livestock for the Naschitti grazing permittees. There is money spent all over but none for the livestock. He asked her to request a Resolution from the chapter. LDA Ansley Curley said a resolution had to be established upon receiving the \$35,000 emergency funds. The other chapters put it forward to the community about how much would be spent on propane, pellets, wood, feed, hay and salt. The Conditions of Appropriation determine what the funds would be spent on for propane, pellets, wood hay, feed and salt for each chapter. A resolution was written up, and it was approved to move forward.
 - C. Chester Carl:** community member. He said he used to go to top of mountain in the early spring and graze cattle. That our elders fenced off grazing areas and cut hay in the fall. Now the grazing official said BIA will haul livestock away if they are taken up the mountains, because Mexican Springs chapter has control. Naschitti chapter even helped rebuild homes that had burned in the Assayi fire. He has submitted a Resolution to support the grazing official to stop this. He wants to give the Resolution to the Council Delegate to introduce to Council. Virginia Winters said that she goes where her livestock goes, so if she moves to the mountains, they will go too. Too much lumber was cut down so there isn't much wildlife left, and the ponds and lakes were contaminated. Cows are very destructive and there should be limitations on grazing permits for them. No one is talking about the drought and that people need to start planting again. No one is managing their livestock tallies

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and being in compliance with the grazing laws. This needs to be enforced before we can start trying to fight for this land. The law of 1931 was set but was not implemented until 3 years ago. And asked if the law wouldn't be obsolete if it was never implemented. A discussion on customary use land followed.

D. Helene Crosby: New Mexico Secretary of State – election for the State of New Mexico for the 2024 Primary Election. Introduced herself and appreciated listening to community comments.

VIII. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Balance Sheet As Of March 31, 2024 and the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 and March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024. Virginia Winters asked if it is too late to ask for money for hay and feed from the Emergency Funds. LDA Ansley Curley said that Council Delegate Notah has encouraged each chapter to spend the Emergency funds. Last year with the extreme heat, the Executive Branch declared an emergency. At that time, if the chapter had a certain balance, the chapter didn't get as much money. This is a double-edged sword because the chapter would need to keep some funds for upcoming emergencies.

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

(m) Kee Y Gee (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays. March Reports moved to Commission Meeting

IX. **ALSTE'E'DAA LEGISLATION:** None

X. **ANIIDI LEGISLATION:**

A. **NAS-24-04-025: REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM (NTUA) THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY FOR A POWERLINE EXTENSION FOR (7) SEVEN HOMES ALONG BIG SPRUCE SPRINGS ROAD WITHIN THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY.**

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

B. **NAS-24-04-026: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ACCEPTS AND APPROVES THE FY2024 NAVAJO NATION SALES TAX ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,633.00**

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

C. **NAS-24-04-027: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ACCEPTS AND APPROVES THE FY2023 NAVAJO NATION UNHEALTHY FOOD TAX ALLOCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,377.00**

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

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

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D. NAS-24-04-028: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ENCOURAGES THE DISTRICT 14 COUNCIL DELEGATE NATHAN NOTAH AND THE DISTRICT 14 GRAZING COMMITTEE TO WORK IN UNISON TO CORRECT THE BOUNDARIES ON THE CHUSKA MOUNTAIN

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

E. NAS-24-04-029: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REQUESTS NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A GUARD RAIL BETWEEN MM 42-43 ALONG NORTH HIGHWAY 491

(m) Tammy Yazzie (s) Orlin Skyberg (v) – 3 – yeas, - 1 - nay. APPROVED TO MOVE TO COMMISSION MEETING

F. NAS-24-04-030: THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REQUESTS DISTRICT 14 COUNCIL DELEGATE NATHAN NOTAH TO SEEK FUNDS TO PROVIDE HAY, FEED AND GRAIN TO RANCHERS AND LIVESTOCK OWNERS OF THE NASCHITTI COMMUNITY

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

XI. REPORTS:

A. Chapter Manager: Carissa Wood

B. Commissioners: Rhonda Herbert, Kee Y Gee, Orlin Skyberg, Alexis Wood, Tammy Yazzie

C. District 14 Council Delegate: Nathan Notah – no report

LDA: Ansley Curley – Agency council meeting was held, CHID is receiving \$70 million. An additional \$50 million was given to CHID to build houses. Last year a notice went out to all chapters to provide a list of 10 people most in need of houses. All ten applicants were accessed and ranked by priority. With the \$70 million, only 2 applicants were chosen, per chapter. With the additional \$50 million, possibly 4 more houses can be built. Some applicants were missing documents which need to be finalized. The FRF report that he distributed shows the current projects. The chapters need to come up with another list of purchases like laptops, fire alarms, items that do not need to go to bid.

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

D. Grazing Official: Angela Sanford – no report

E. Ch'ooshgai Community School Board Member: Hoskie Bryant – Ch'ooshgai has their own School Board rather than being grouped with a community School Board. They currently have 4 School Board members since school has less than 178 enrollees. He wants to encourage chapter members to send their children to Ch'ooshgai Community School. The most recent audit findings have been ok. Some members traveled to Washington, to amend some policies and ask for additional funding.

F. Community Health Representative (CHR): Brianna Johnson – no report

G. Senior Center Manager: Jarrett Johnson – no report

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H. Naschitti Veterans Organization: Richard Notah is the new Commander, Joel Herbert is the new Vice-President, and the new secretary is Candance Benally.
(m) (s) (v) - 4 – yeas, - 0 – nay. Reports accepted and will be moved to the Commission Meeting

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. NCG Commission Meeting:** April 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- B. District 14 Grazing Permittee Meeting:** May 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- C. Mother's Day Luncheon:** May 4, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- D. Ch'ooshgai Community School Board Meeting:** May 6, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- E. NCG Veterans Organization Meeting:** May 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- F. NCG Grazing Permittee Meeting:** TBD

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: 12:34 p.m.

(m) Alexis Wood (s) Tammy Yazzie (v) – 4 – yeas, - 0 – nays

Submitted by:



Orlin Skyberg

Commission Secretary/Treasurer